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President's Message

Dear Colleagues:

We know that community colleges in Alabama are being asked to accomplish more with less. Administrators are challenged to motivate faculty and staff and to encourage their development with limited resources. The "glory days" of higher education may be over.

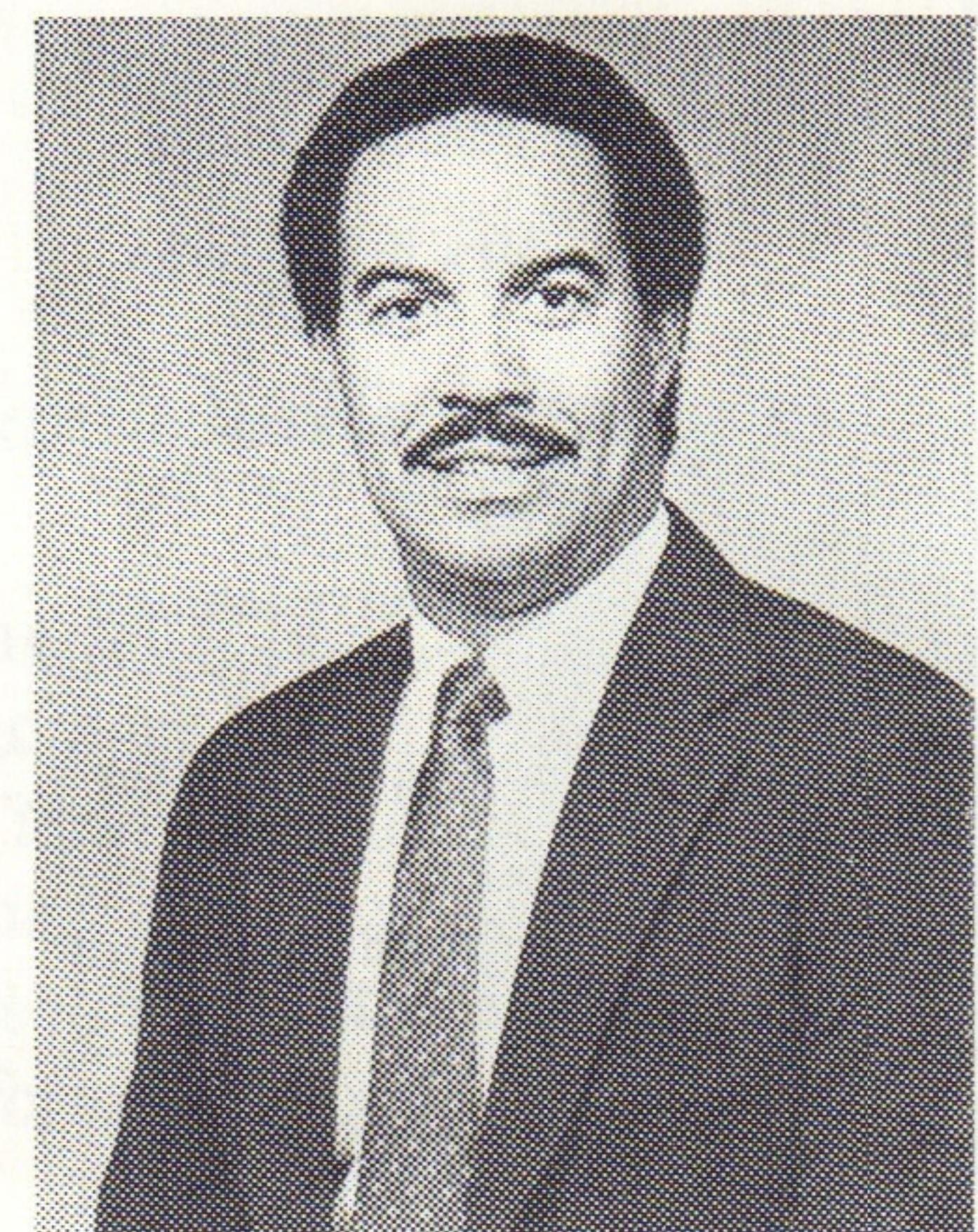
Change is now one of the few "constraints" in Alabama two-year colleges. We are facing waves of change in the economy, technology, demographics, social values, and the new political realities of both Washington and at home. It is clear these significant forces will demand changes in the way educational institutions in Alabama operate in the near future.

Historically, change for community, junior and technical colleges has at times been difficult due to our grounding in tradition and culture. Nevertheless, change we must in a proactive way rather than being dragged into the future by the horses of circumstances.

Call it what they will - reorganizing, re-engineering, restructuring, downsizing, re-inventing. These are some of the current buzzwords. It all boils down to a wrenching change, and the impetus for much of this change is the people who control the purse strings — state and federal lawmakers.

One clear and imminent change is the struggle we face with the dismal educational dollars in the 1995-96 educational budget that is now being debated in the State Legislature and the courts. This gives us an opportunity to act proactively to work as a team in preserving and securing the Alabama two-year colleges. It is essential that each one of us becomes an active advocate in our community with political, educational, and business leaders in sharing the ACA and the Alabama College System success story and sharing the impact that two-year colleges have had on the citizens of Alabama in the last 30 years. **"No one else can do it better than you."** Let's make this an exciting year of concerted, positive efforts to make ourselves, our colleges, our System, and our Association better. Where there are difficulties and obstacles, let's seek solutions. And where change is needed, let's join hands to effect this change.

I am looking forward to serving you as president during the 1994-95 academic year. Please do not hesitate to call or write me with your suggestions for the Association. This year's convention is scheduled to return to Birmingham and to be held at the Sheraton Civic Center Hotel on November 19-21, 1995. So, begin to make your plans now to attend the convention. May this academic year be a banner one both for ACA and for the Alabama two-year college system.



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Message from the Chancellor

"No one has said the pursuit of excellence is easy. Changing, growing, choosing and discarding are hard. The lives of great people remind us that the longest journey is the journey inward and the rewards lie not in the destination, but in the journey itself." This quote from an unknown author could have been written for The Alabama College System.

It is gratifying to be a part of a system of colleges that has such a vital role to play in the democratization of education in the State of Alabama. With our collective efforts and support of access to and quality of education, The Alabama College System will continue to provide an entry point to higher education for thousands of Alabamians.

We have traveled a great distance and there is yet a great distance ahead of us. I am confident, however, that the greatest professional rewards of our journey are yet ahead of us. With our mutual support and respect for community college ideals, I encourage you to join me and let the journey continue...

Calhoun's Jacobs Accepts Post at Sinclair Community College

Dr. Jeanne Jacobs, associate dean of human resources at Calhoun Community College, has been named Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences for Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Jacobs will assume her new duties on July 1, 1995.

An employee of Calhoun since 1978, Dr. Jacobs has held the positions of assistant director of community services, assistant to the dean of the college and academic dean, and has taught adult education classes and English courses at the college. In 1987, she established Calhoun's first Human Resources Office and was promoted to her present position of associate dean of human resources in April 1992, where she is responsible to the college's president for providing vision and leadership on all matters related to personnel and legal issues regarding employees.

Dr. Jacobs is actively involved in a number of academic, professional and civic organizations. Among these are the Alabama College Association, the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), the Decatur Women's Chamber of Commerce, and the Minority Recruitment Committee for the City of Huntsville. She has been honored extensively for her accomplishments, including being named Calhoun's Administrator of the Year in 1992; nominated for the Chancellor's Award for Administrator of the Year in 1992; selected as a participant in the 1993 AACC national Professional Administrators Development Institute; and being named a W. K. Kellogg Fellow in 1990, a prestigious national leadership training program for college administrators. Additionally, she is a member of Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society and was recognized as Outstanding Young Woman of America in 1980 and 1988.

A graduate of Fisk University where she received a bachelor's degree in English, Dr. Jacobs also hold a master's degree in adult education from Alabama A&M University and earned her doctorate degree from The University of Alabama, with a major in higher education.

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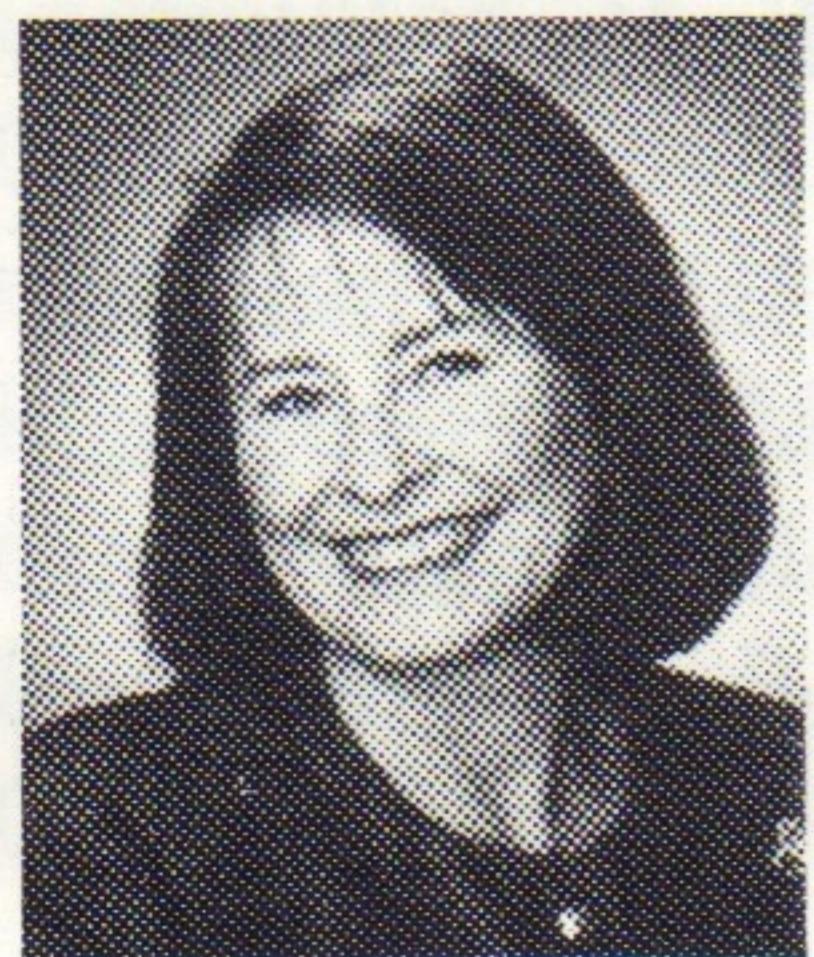
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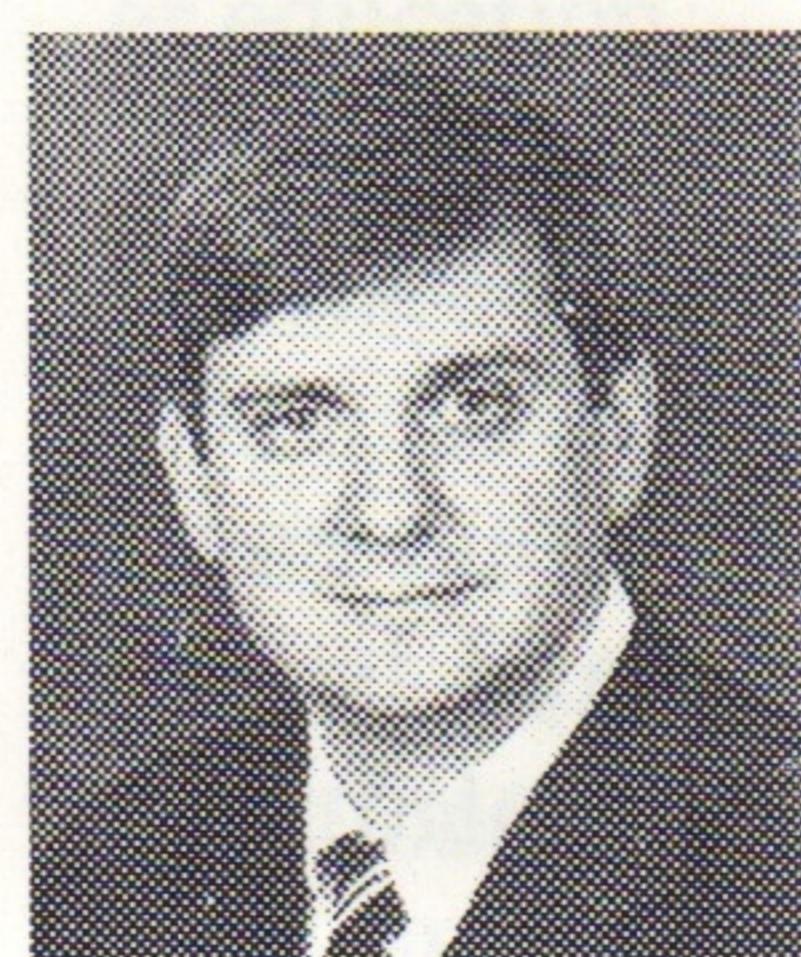
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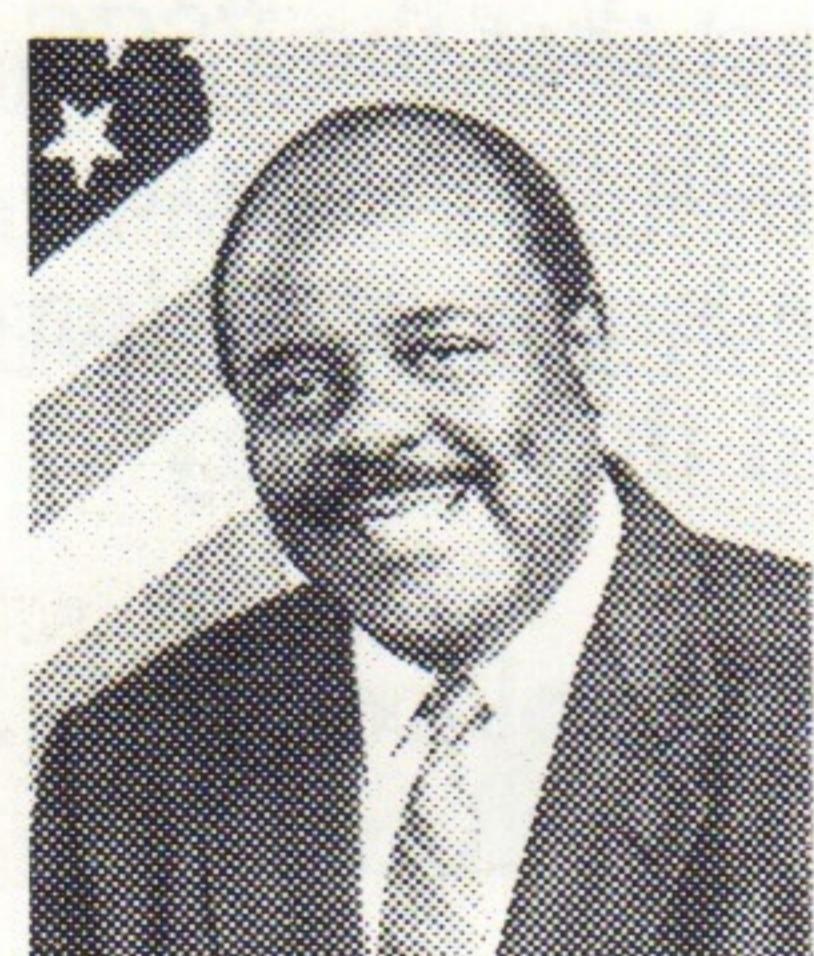
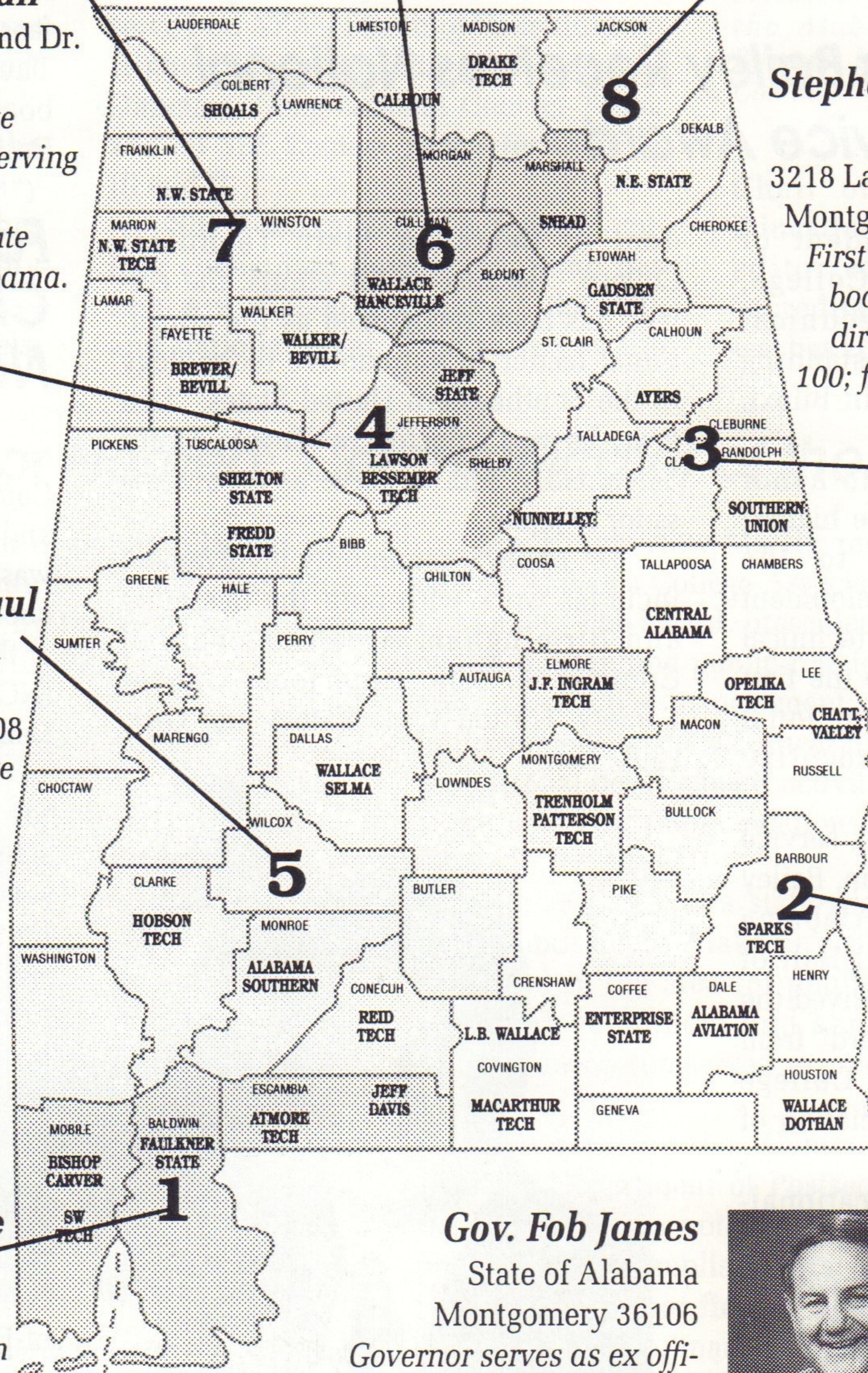
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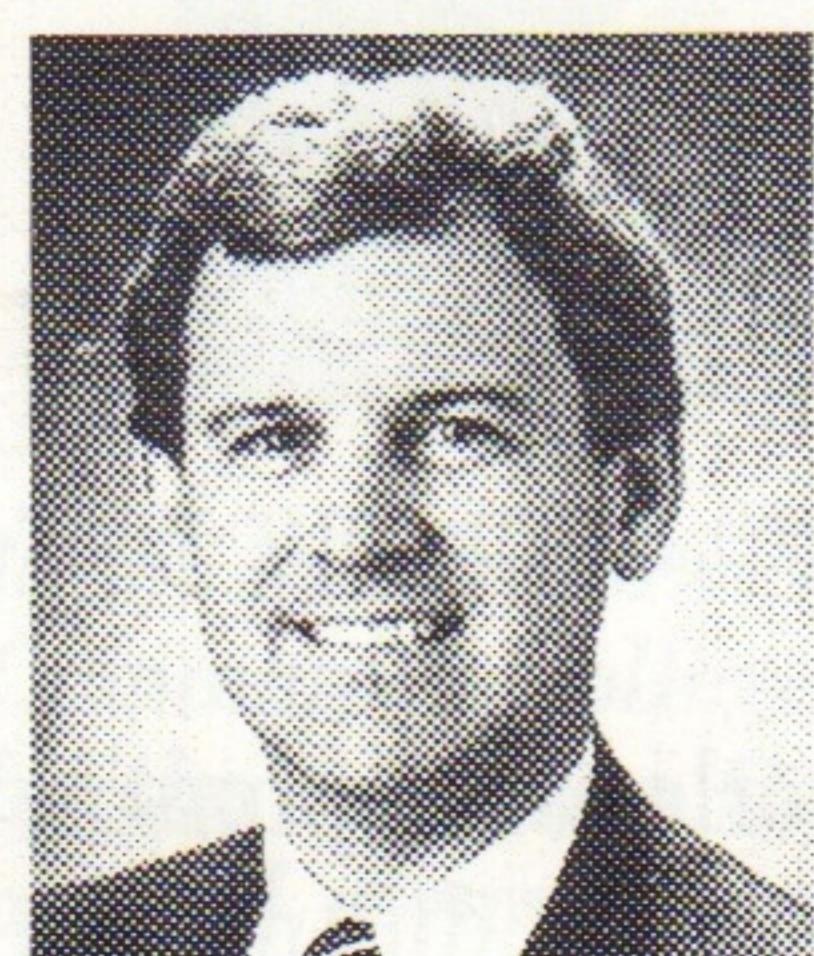
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Chancellor's Exhibit Recognizes State's Two-Year Colleges

The exhibit, "The Alabama College System: Panorama of Productivity and Performance," is on display at the Alabama Center for Commerce's Exhibition Hall in Montgomery through July 31, 1995.

According to Doug Freeland, chairperson of the committee responsible for the exhibit, its focus is on the Alabama Department of Postsecondary's education and training programs. "We want to convey a unified picture of The Alabama

College System and the diverse programs that are available to the citizens of this statewide network," said Freeland.

The Alabama College System consists of 32 two-year colleges and is the largest system of higher education in Alabama. It is 30 years old and has served over one million Alabamians. Over the past two years, Alabama's two-year colleges have conducted training programs for over 130,000 Alabama employees.

Bessemer State's Bailey Receives National Outstanding Service Award

Dr. Mike Bailey, president of Bessemer State Technical College, received the American Technical Education Association's "Outstanding Service Award" on March 25 in Biloxi, Mississippi.

The award was created to honor individuals who have made the highest meritorious contributions to the improvement, promotion, development and progress of postsecondary technical education. "Dr. Bailey will be the first recipient of this prestigious national award," explained ATEA Executive Director Betty Krump.

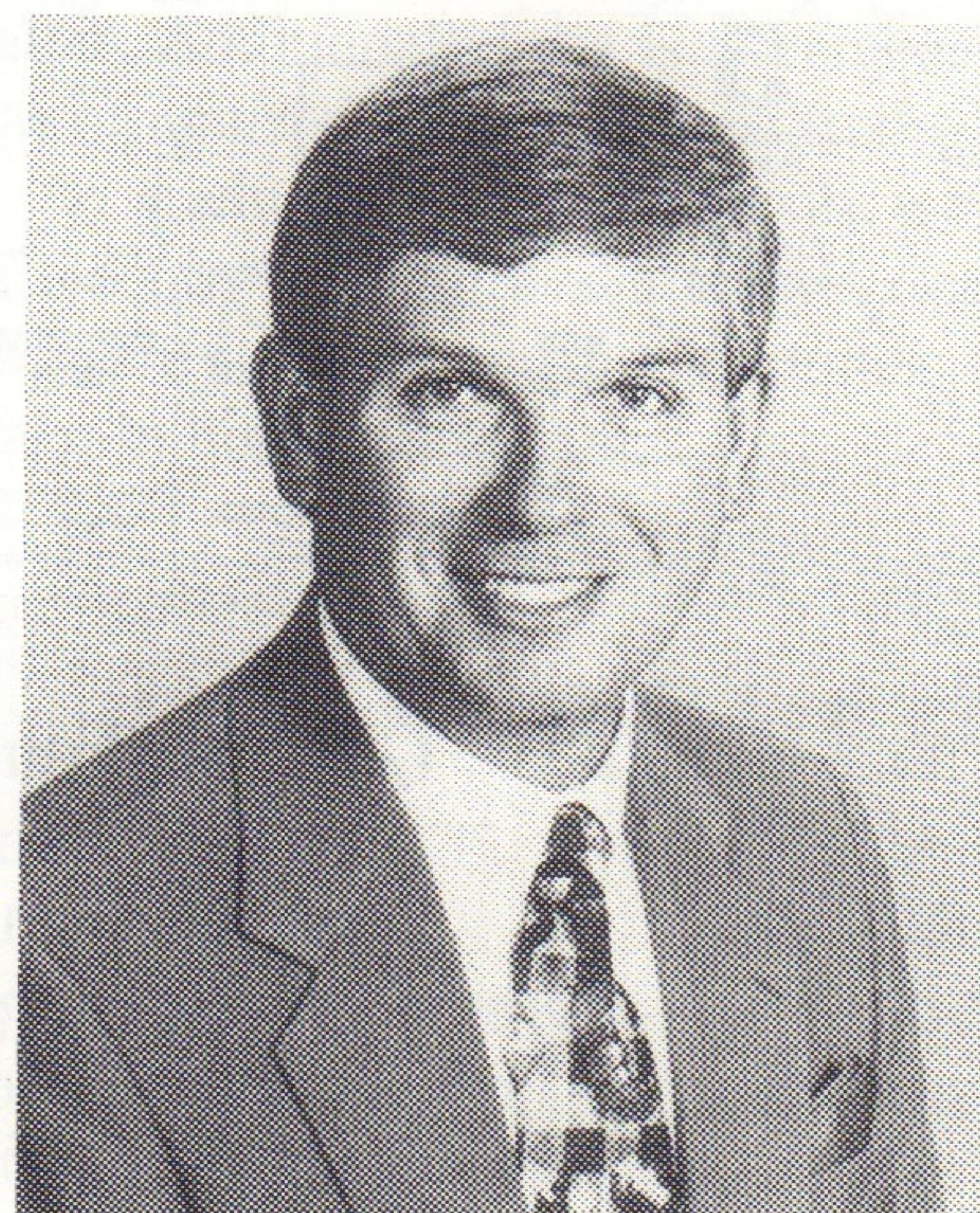
Because of his outstanding service to vocational-technical education, Bailey was inducted into the Alabama Vocational Association (AVA) Hall of Fame last year. In 1993, he received the "Distinguished Leadership Award" from the Alabama Association of College Administrators/Alabama Association of Women in Education.

Bailey has worked in vocational-technical education for over 25 years. He has taught distributive education; worked for the Alabama Department of Education's Division of Vocational Education and served as superintendent of the Great Plains Area Vocational-Technical Center in Lawton, Oklahoma.

In 1985, Bailey was named presi-

dent of Bessemer State Technical College. Because of his efforts, the college has been recognized as the educational leader in automotive technology in the Southeastern United States. Last year, he was selected by Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. to serve as an ambassador to Japan.

Dr. Bailey's community involvement includes work with both the Bessemer and Birmingham Area Chambers of Commerce, the American Cancer Society, United Way, YMCA and Girls Club, Inc.



**Mike Bailey, President
Bessemer State Technical College**

JSCC Singers Win First Place in ACA Competition

Director Larry Hardin led the Jefferson State Singers to a first place win in the Alabama College Association (ACA) Music Showcase held at Montevallo on February 16, 1995. The competition included choral groups from two-year colleges throughout the state.

The Singers are on scholarship and are selected through auditions held each year in late spring. The Singers perform for various events held by civic and professional groups throughout the year. The holiday season usually sees them booked heavily during November and December.

Faulkner Cheerleaders Wow Nation

Cheerleading at Faulkner State Community College is just as important and competitive as any other sport. This was evidenced by the fact that the FSCC cheerleaders finished sixth in the nation at the National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) Competition held this January in Dallas, Texas.

In addition to the sixth place finish, the squad was first among all two-year schools. The competition was judged on several categories, including difficulty, unity and sharpness.

It was a long road from tryouts last April to Dallas in January. This squad had to come together as a group — a group that had never performed before and had to learn to read each other's minds.

Sixth place may not sound so great to some — but is outstanding when you consider the only teams to place ahead of Faulkner's squad were from four-year colleges.

Leigh Cornell, cheerleader sponsor, said of the squad, "While we did not do as well as we wanted, what this squad did accomplish this year is outstanding."

Rose Selected Outstanding AEA Member

AEA member Shirley K. Rose, an instructor at Patterson Technical College, has been selected as the first recipient of the AEA Outstanding Postsecondary Member Award. Rose received the award at the annual Postsecondary Rep Assembly held in Gulf Shores.

The award was created by the AEA Postsecondary Division Executive Committee to recognize and honor outstanding postsecondary members within AEA and to publicize the achievements of postsecondary members. The recipient of the award will be nominated for the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) James Davenport Memorial Award.

Criteria used for selection of the AEA Outstanding Postsecondary Member include leadership in higher education; development of community relations programs; professional involvement at local, state and national levels;

and legislative efforts in support of higher education.

Rose was named 1992 Technical College Faculty of the Year by the Alabama College System and was recognized for her reputation as a local, state, and national advocate for vocational/technical education. She also has attended all AEA Postsecondary Conferences and board meetings since 1978.

Rose is presently representing technical colleges statewide on the Postsecondary Executive Committee and the Policy Advisory Committee. She has served on NEA's Standing Committee on Higher Education, the AEA Board of Directors, Congressional Contact Team, and on SBE Contact Teams for Districts III and V.

She is recognized as a leader in college curriculum development and has been a workshop presenter on the state and national level. She serves as the

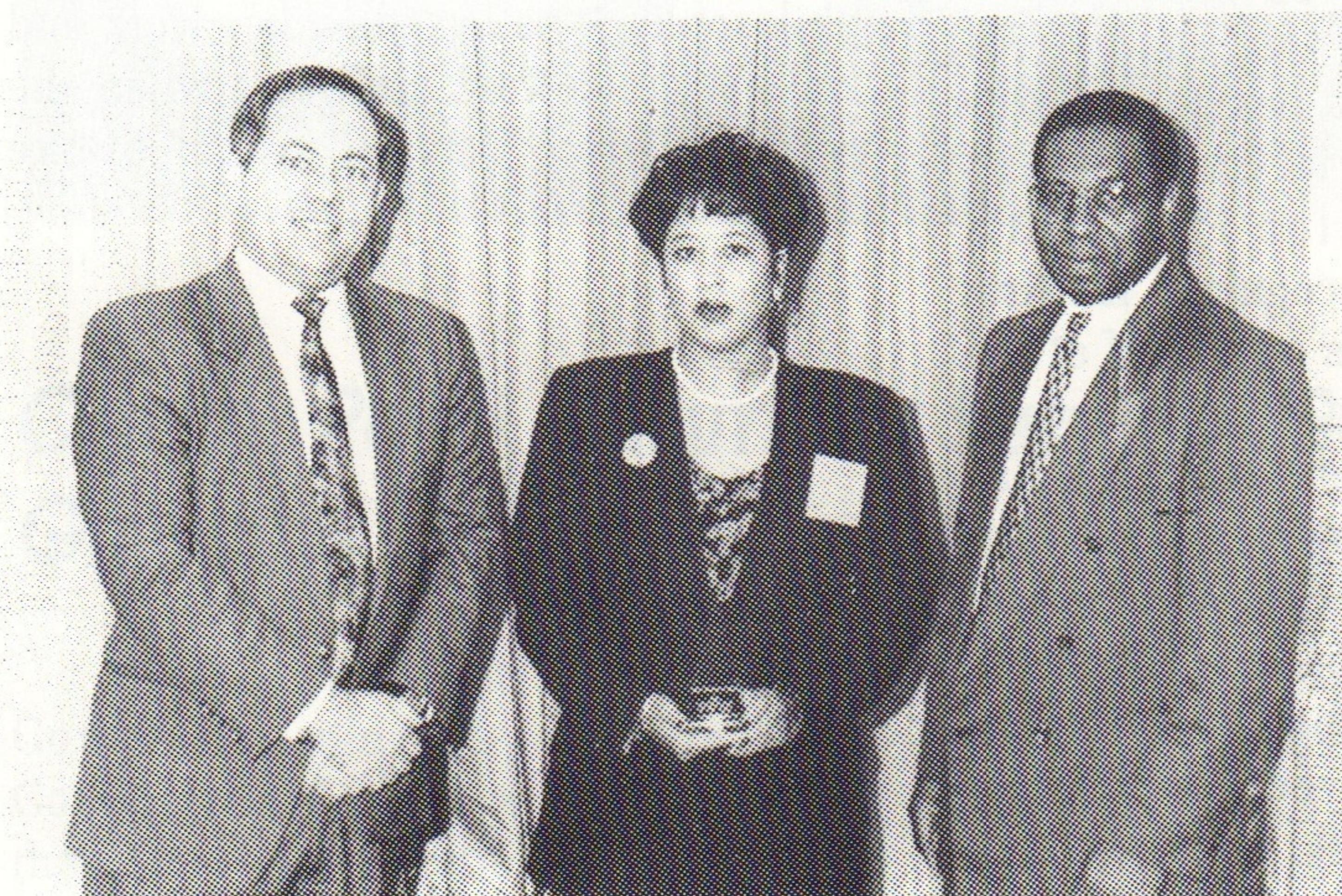


Pictured with Rose (right) is Terry Bynum, President of the Postsecondary Division of the Alabama Education Association. Bynum is an employee of Calhoun Community College.

Chair of the Division of General Education and as Associate Chair and editor of the Self-Study for SACS accreditation at Patterson, where she teaches 20 quarter hours each quarter.

Calhoun's PR Director Named "Communicator of the Year"

Janet Kincherlow-Martin, director of public relations and alumni services at Calhoun Community College, has been named "Communicator of the Year" by the Alabama College System Public Relations Association (ACSPRA).



Janet Kincherlow-Martin, Director of Public Relations at Calhoun Community College, was named 1994 "Communicator of the Year" by the Alabama College System Public Relations Association. The annual award recognizes outstanding public relations leadership among Alabama's 32 two-year colleges. Janet is pictured above with Calhoun President Dr. Richard Carpenter (left) and Alabama College System Chancellor Dr. Fred Gainous (right).

Ms. Kincherlow-Martin received the award during the annual Alabama College Association conference last November in Mobile. The award, presented each year by ACSPRA to recognize outstanding public relations leadership, considers such areas as effective management, technical skills and expertise, improvement of communications within the institution and professional development activities in identifying the recipient of the state's top public relations title.

The ACSPRA is a state-wide organization comprised of individuals from Alabama's 32 two-year colleges who are employed in the areas of public relations, marketing, alumni affairs, development and student services. In 1992, Ms. Kincherlow-Martin served as president of the group.

In presenting the "Communicator of the Year" award, Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education Chancellor Dr. Fred Gainous noted Ms. Kincherlow-Martin's numerous professional accomplishments. "Ms. Kincherlow-Martin's professionalism in her field is unmatched. Her public relations skills in planning, managing, and implementing programs and activities have produced many successful results which have greatly impacted this state," remarked Dr. Gainous.

Lawson State Receives Energy Grant

Lawson State Community College is the recipient of a \$89,860 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. The award was made to only eight historically Black colleges/universities throughout the nation.

The PREP (Pre-Freshman Enrichment Program) at Lawson State proposes in its first year of implementation to serve twenty high school juniors from the local area. To qualify, these juniors will have 1) an overall minimum grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale; 2) completed all mathematics courses in the Algebra sequence through Algebra II; 3) shown an interest in pursuing a career in which mathematics is an essential foundation (i.e., Biomedical Sciences, Computer Science, Engineering or other forms of pure sci-

ence research); and 4) met all requirements set forth in the State of Alabama dual enrollment program.

The objective of the program is to provide instructional, hands-on experience and guidance services to high school students interested in pursuing a career in math, science or engineering, and to generate the skills and motivation necessary for success in their chosen field. Contact with program participants will occur on a weekly basis throughout the year.

Students enrolled in this program will earn 10 hours of college credit in mathematics. All tuition, fees, funds for books and material will be paid for by the grant. In addition, each participant will receive a stipend.

WCCS Adult Education Teacher Earns Top Honor

Bernice Clemons of Wallace Community College Selma (WCCS) has been named 1994 Teacher of the Year by the state of Alabama, honoring her dedicated work as a leader in adult education for the last 22 years.

At WCCS, Ms. Clemons instructs basic skills classes, GED preparation and directs the Adult Education Lab. She prides herself in helping adults develop the skills needed to cope in life. During more than two decades at Wallace, Ms. Clemons has witnessed many success stories.

"I had a student get off welfare, go on to college and graduate with national honors," she proudly recalls.

Her teaching goes beyond the classroom. Last summer, Ms. Clemons sponsored a trip to Washington, D.C. One woman on the trip had never been outside the state of Alabama. "The trip meant a lot to her and the other students," she said.

Ms. Clemons says she knows that some of those in her class will never pass the GED test, but she offers skills that will enhance their lives, going above and beyond the call of duty. Her philosophy is reflected in her work and was recognized by her peers when she was awarded "1994 Teacher of the Year."

LDA-A Honors JP Tech Coordinator

Jerry Joyce, special services coordinator at John M. Patterson State Technical College, received double honors during the state conference of the Learning Disabilities Association of Alabama.

Joyce was recognized as the Outstanding Postsecondary Educator by the professional association. Wanda Manning, president of the Learning Disabilities Association of Alabama, stated that "Mr. Joyce received this recognition because of his extensive work and tireless dedication to persons affected by learning disabilities.

"He provides counseling and guidance, academic advisement, tutoring and monitoring services to students with learning disabilities throughout the Montgomery area. He initiated a transition program to assist and encourage students with learning disabilities to make the transition to postsecondary edu-

tion and to prevent them from dropping out of the education system.

"Mr. Joyce also provides valued assistance, support, and comfort to parents and families of these students as well as to teachers, counselors, and administrators working with these students," added Ms. Manning.

The Learning Disabilities Association of Alabama bestowed a second honor on Joyce at its conference by awarding him with the President's Award. This award recognized his tireless and creative efforts on behalf of the professional association. Through many hours of volunteer service, Joyce has provided individuals, agencies and various groups with facts, ideas and motivation to enable them to better understand, be supportive of, and be involved with meeting the needs of youth and adults with learning disabilities.

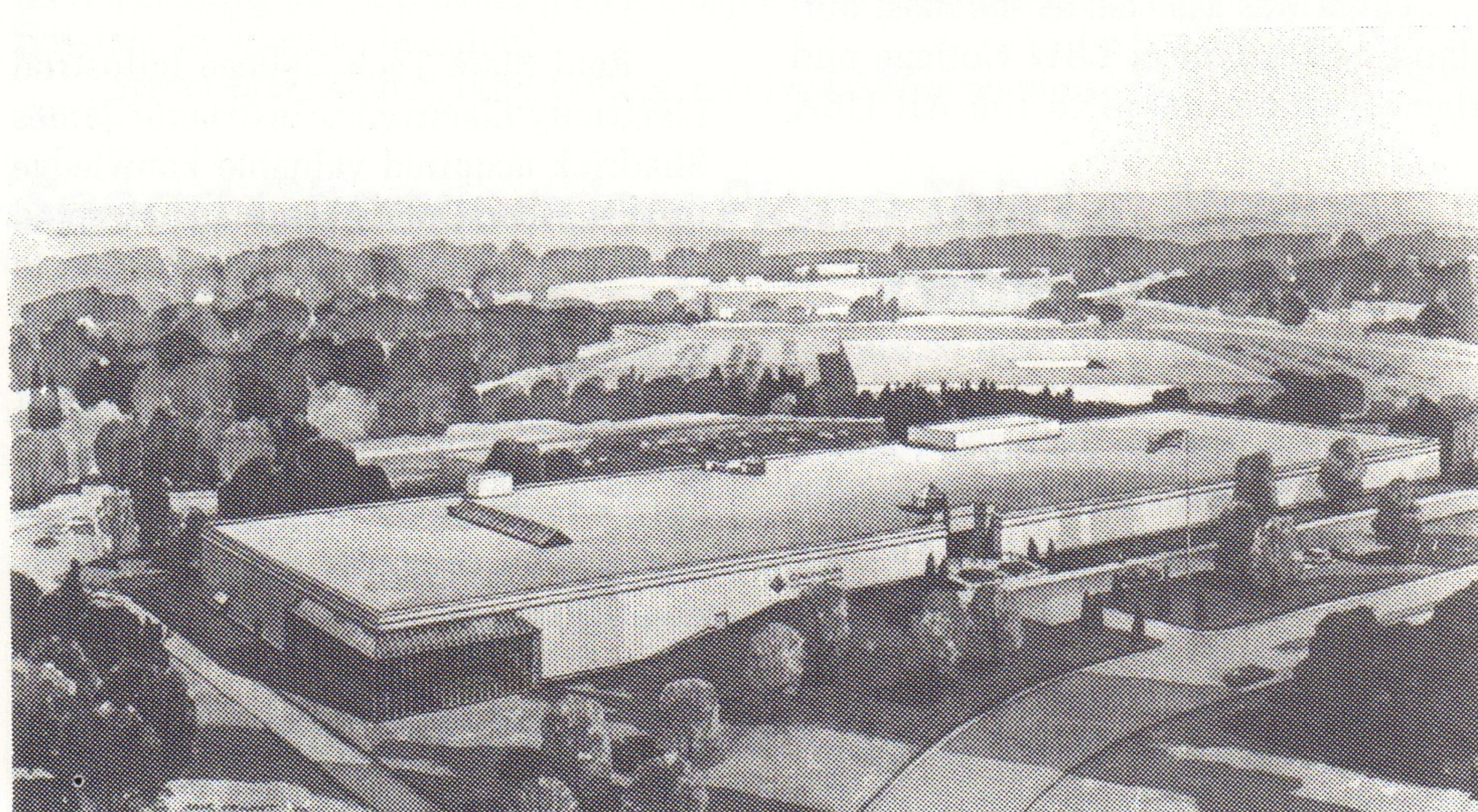
Calhoun College Celebrates Purchase of Huntsville Campus Site with Groundbreaking

On November 16, 1994, Calhoun Community College celebrated the future relocation of its Huntsville campus by hosting a groundbreaking event at the new facility — the former Chrysler/Acustar building in Huntsville's Cummings Research Park.

Calhoun acquired the building in the spring of 1994 through a gift/purchase arrangement with Chrysler with the intent of renovating part of the structure for its Huntsville classes. The remainder of the building space will be occupied by the North Alabama Science Center and other community partners. Completion of the renovation project is scheduled for later this year. The col-

lege will relocate its Huntsville campus permanently to this facility at that time.

The purchase of a permanent facility for Calhoun's Huntsville campus has been a dream come true for many of the college's faculty, staff and students. According to Lee Woolf, director for the Huntsville campus, the new facility will provide enough space for science laboratories and better study areas for students. "We'll also have support services like we have at the Decatur campus," added Woolf. A library, food court, and eventually, child care will be among the services offered to Huntsville students at the new facility," Woolf commented.



Center Point Chamber Selects JSCC as Grounds Winner

The Center Point Chamber of Commerce selected Jefferson State Community College as the winner of their 1994-1995 Beautification Award.

"It is a pleasure to stroll across the Jefferson State campus. It's obvious that the grounds people at Jefferson State take a great deal of pride in their work," said President of the Center Point Chamber of Commerce Kelly Cole.

"We are pleased to have such a dedicated staff to keep Jefferson State looking beautiful," said President Judy Merritt. "It is also nice to have a Chamber of Commerce that notices and awards hard work."

Director of Physical Plant Larry Thompson accepted the award for the college.

Alabama Aviation Strengthens Curriculum

Alabama Aviation & Technical College (AATC) put itself in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) record books by being one of the first two-year colleges in the nation to earn the FAA's recognition for its Airway Science curricula. The FAA granted its recognition to AATC following an extensive review by officials with the FAA and the University Aviation Association (UAA).

AATC students now have the chance to earn the Airway Science recognition along with their Associate in Applied Science degree in Flight Technology, Aviation Maintenance Technology, or Avionics Technology. Such recognition will further help indicate the readiness of AATC graduates for employment.

When the FAA opened the possibility of Airway Science recognition for two-year programs, AATC faculty went to work rewriting the curricula of the college's Aviation Maintenance Technology, Avionics Technology, and Flight Technology programs. Several new courses were created to meet specific Airway Science requirements, including an "Introduction to Aviation" which would be a common course in all programs.

Once the curricula were refined, AATC submitted its Airway Science Curriculum Proposal to the FAA's Office of Training and Higher Education for review. After its review, the FAA asked the UAA to send representatives of its Curriculum Committee to AATC for a site visit. Two UAA members visited AATC's campus in Ozark, and the report of that visit resulted in a recommendation that the FAA recognize the college's Airway Science program.

LBW Student Laura Hall Receives Scholarship



The Lurleen B. Wallace State Junior College Student Government Association officers and representatives traveled to Tuscaloosa to attend the Capstone Leadership Conference on January 27-28, 1995.

Laura Hall was awarded the Order of Omega cash scholarship and was one of only six students who was honored from the three hundred students who attended the conference and the only scholarship recipient from a two-year college. The annual conference is sponsored by the Coordinating Council of Student Organizations of the University of Alabama. In each of the three years that the LBW Student Government Association has attended the conference, one of its students has been honored.

Laura was selected as the most outstanding student at LBW College and also was nominated to the All-USA

Academic Team. She serves as the Student Government Association secretary, president of Mu Alpha Theta Math Club, vice-president of scholarship of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, and secretary of the Interclub Council. She also is an LBW Ambassador, the college's hosts and hostesses, as well as a member of Circle K and a reporter for the college's newsletter.

Fiber Optics Reviewed by Reid State Electronics Instructor

Reid State Tech College Industrial Electricity/Electronics instructor James Shadrick acquired valuable knowledge from a Fiber Optics seminar presented by AT&T. The program, Introduction to AT&T Fiber Optic Products, was held at Jacksonville State University.

The program topics included fiber optics manufacturing techniques, fiber optics technology, and technological advances in computer and communication fields.

Reid State Nursing Faculty Attend Workshop

Nursing faculty at Reid State recently attended a "Test Construction" workshop, sponsored by the Alabama State Nurses Association's Education/Development Council. Dr. Catherine Dearman, associate professor of Nursing at Troy State University - Montgomery, was the presenter.

Faculty reviewed elements of test construction and "pitfalls" of test construction and constructed and analyzed test items. Those attending were Janice Chapman, Lula English, Angela Paul, Barbara Richards, and Pat Gwin.

Drake State's Tech Prep Consortium Grows

J. F. Drake State Technical College, the fiscal agent for the Huntsville/Madison County Tech Prep Consortium, is pleased to welcome Scottsboro City Schools as the newest member of the Consortium.

Scottsboro City Schools joins the Huntsville City and Madison County Schools as the secondary level partners with Drake in Tech Prep. Drake State's faculty works closely with secondary educators in developing educational programs for Tech Prep students. Most recently, college faculty planned a series of activities designed to smoothly integrate Scottsboro City Schools into the consortium and assist in expanding and improving their Tech Prep Program.

In the three years that Drake State has been involved with Tech Prep there have been articulation agreements developed in six programs: Accounting Technology, Computer Information Systems, Drafting & Design Technology, Electronics Technology, Machine Tool Technology, and Secretarial/Clerical

Technology.

This year, Career Resource Centers are being established at the college and all of the high schools in the Consortium. Computers, career guidance software, a video library on "Careers of the 21st Century," and TV/VCR's are being purchased by the college for distribution within the Consortium. Soon, students can develop career plans early in high school and refine or revise those plans as they mature using the tools available in the Career Resource Centers. Furthermore, Tech Prep articulation agreements are currently being established for four additional programs.

Future plans for the Tech Prep Consortium include joint secondary/post-secondary staff development workshops, expanded articulation, continued development of a common career guidance program, and expanded modernization of equipment and instructional materials.

COC Visiting Team Lauds Ingram State Community College

During the week of January 23 - 26, 1995, Ingram State Community College received a SACS Commission on Colleges (COC) accreditation committee visit. Dr. James R. Richburg, president of Okaloosa-Walton Community College, and Dr. E. Jean Walker, COC associate executive director, served as the team chairperson and COC liaison, respectively, during the team visit.

One committee member noted that "The uniqueness of Ingram State Community College calls for a creative and tenacious administration. This leadership is found at no greater level than in the institution's here-to-fore successful efforts in securing funding and subsequently in its efforts to allocate these funds according to the goals of the College."

Another committee member characterized the college personnel as "...[having] a near missionary zeal in their work to assist the students acquire skills that will lead to employment after they are released. The College staff fully cooperated with the visiting team and provided information as requested." Still another committee member responded, "The College has done an outstanding job in providing an atmosphere as conducive as possible for effective learning."

Ingram State Community College received 39 recommen-



L-R: Dr. Murry C. Gregg, President of Ingram State Community College, and Dr. James R. Richburg, President of Okaloosa-Walton Community College at the SACS Commission on Colleges accreditation committee exit conference.

dations from the accreditation team. Dr. Murry C. Gregg, president of Ingram State, immediately initiated implementation of an action agenda to remedy all of the recommendations. "These recommendations are all doable," said Dr. Gregg.

Snead Cheerleaders Place Third in Nation

Competing against other two-year colleges across the nation, the Snead State Community College cheerleaders placed third in the preliminary judging of the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) College Cheerleading National Competition. They were judged on cheer, sideline, fight song, skills demonstration, and crowd involvement.

According to Snead cheer coach, Libby Bates, the new junior division could mean a national title for Snead State Community



Representing the Parsons this year are (standing) Erich Nelson, Bengy McDowell, Henry Sewell, Jamie Bozeman, Lance Bruce, Bruce Shelenberger, (kneeling) Jamie Payne, Staci Breedlove, Heather Hardin, Heather Bonds, Alison Eason, and Tia Schutt. (Not pictured Happy Hooper.) Also pictured are Libby Bates, Snead Cheer Coach, and Dr. William H. Osborn, President of Snead State Community College.

College. Bates added that Snead's toughest competition will be Palomar Community College from San Diego, California.

"Last year, competing against university squads from across the nation, Snead still placed fifth in the UCA National Competition," Bates said. "With the new two-year college division, Snead has a good chance of becoming national champions this year."

Bates said that experience is the squad's greatest asset. "There is no substitute for experience. We have four returning sophomores this year, including Happy Hooper, Henry Sewell, Bengy McDowell, and Erich Nelson."

"The men are strong in all areas including stunting and tumbling," Bates said. "The combination of strength, experience, and size enables the squad to do elite-level stunts."

According to Bates, desire is another strong point of the Snead squad. "Throughout the year, Dr. Osborn and the entire campus have been very supportive of building a successful co-ed cheerleading program," Bates noted. "For this reason among others, the squad wants to represent the College and the state of Alabama well. Snead hopes to be the first school in the nation to win the junior college championship."

Cheering for Snead State this year are freshmen Heather Bonds of Douglas; Jamie Bozeman of North Jackson; Heather Hardin of Fort Walton Beach, Florida; Alison Eason of Boaz; co-captain Staci Breedlove of Sardis; Jamie Payne of Douglas; Bruce Shelenberger of Shalimar, Florida; Tia Schutt of Arab; sophomores Happy Hooper of Sand Rock; Henry Sewell of Sardis; Bengy McDowell of Boaz; Lance Bruce of Albertville; and captain Erich Nelson of Lewisville, Texas.

Sparks State Foundation Receives \$50,000 Gift

The Sparks State Technical College (SSTC) Foundation in Eufaula recently received a \$50,000 pledge from Attorney Jere Beasley and the law firm of Beasley, Wilson, Allen, Main, and Crow, P.C. in Montgomery.

The pledge will be paid in annual increments to establish the Browder and Florence Camp Beasley Memorial Scholarship in memory of the parents of Jere Beasley and his brother Billy Beasley of Clayton. The Browder and Florence Camp Beasley Memorial Scholarship is the SSTC Foundation's first endowed scholarship and will fund an annual scholarship to a student from Barbour County who plans to attend Sparks State Technical College.



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State Board of Education Commends GSAC Administrator

Ruth Morgan, coordinator of Auxiliary Services at Gadsden State Community College, was recognized by the Alabama State Board of Education in Montgomery with a resolution commending her as The Alabama College System's 1994 Chancellor's Award Administrator of the Year.

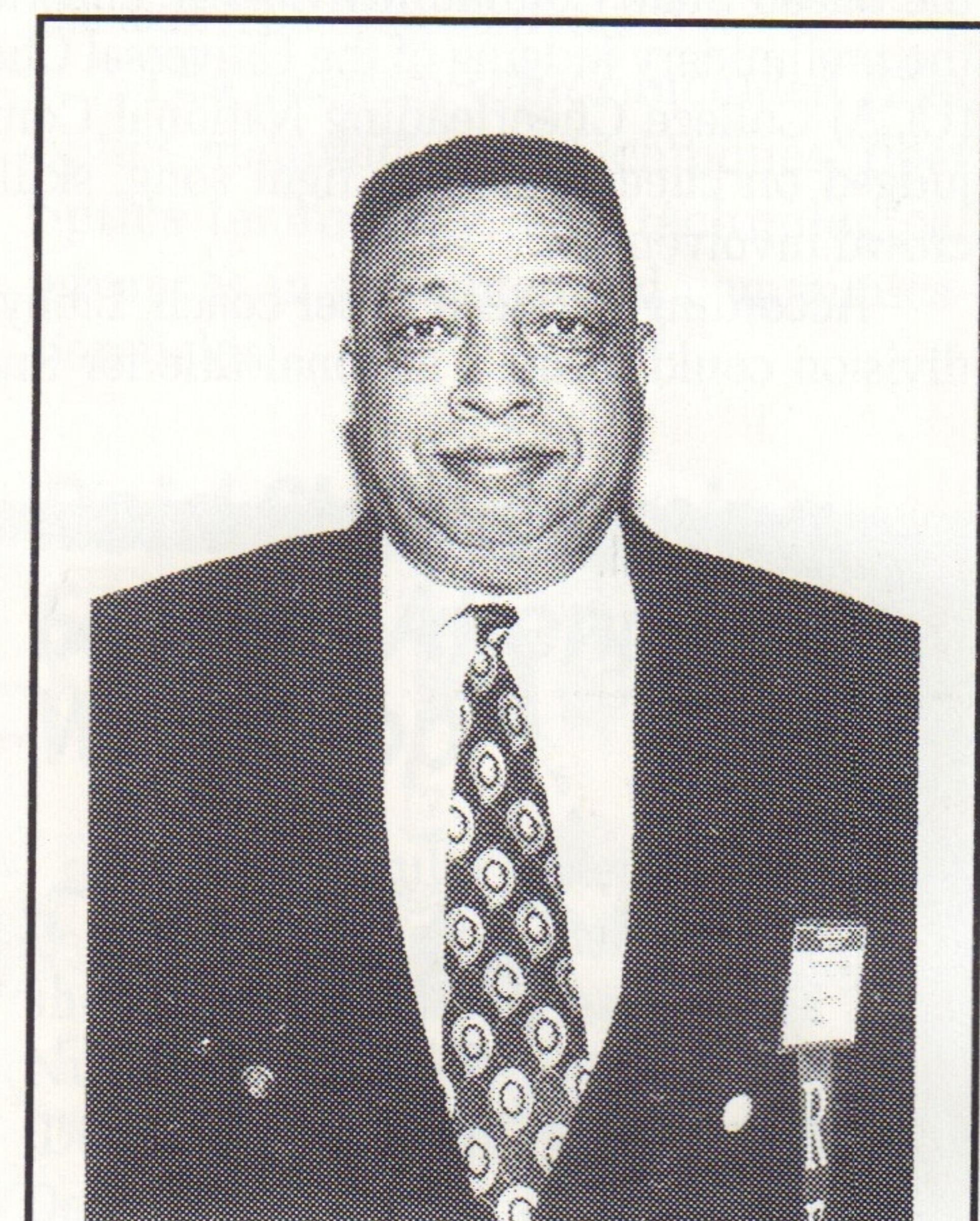
The award was presented to Ms. Morgan by Dr. Fred Gainous during the Ninth Annual Chancellor's Awards Ceremony in Mobile. The Chancellor's Award is given for superior performance and exemplary service and carries with it a \$1,000 professional development grant.

Morgan is a long-time Gadsden businesswoman and has been at Gadsden State for 22 years. She is a graduate of Southside High School and attended the University of Alabama, Gadsden Center. She is a member of the National Association of College and University Food Services and the Gadsden State and Alabama Education Associations. As a member of the Etowah-Gadsden

Chamber of Commerce, she recently co-chaired "The Taste of Gadsden" Food Festival and served as editor of the cookbook which resulted. The Chamber will use the cookbook to promote tourism in the area. She is a past president to the Junior Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary, a member of First Baptist Church, the Eastern Star and currently serves on the Etowah County Personnel Board.

She summarizes her personal efforts toward professional development this way: "My on-going project for the past several years has been to work on a commercial-institution forma cookbook that will help me to pass on the many things I have learned in my years in the food services field. I love my work at Gadsden State and particularly enjoy working with the public, and I would like for my book to be a way of helping those who come after me."

Ms. Morgan has two children, Rita Morgan Ellis of Jacksonville, Fla., and Baker Morgan of Gadsden.



TERRY BYNUM, physical science instructor at Calhoun Community College, was elected president of the Postsecondary Division of the Alabama Education Association (AEA).

BSCC President Names Director of Central Campus



DR. JEWELL R. SMITH
Bishop State Community College

For the director of the Bishop State Community College's new Central Campus, returning to Mobile to work at the location of her old high school is a bit like *deja vu*. Dr. Jewell Rose Richardson Smith attended Central High School, which closed in the early 1970s.

She is responsible for ensuring the total operation of the campus, which is

located at 1365 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue in Mobile. The building where Smith once spent her days as a high school student will soon house her administrative office.

A native Mabilian, Smith holds a doctorate of education degree in site-based management and instructional leadership from Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She received a bachelor's degree from Clark Atlanta University. Prior to coming to Bishop State, she was employed with the School Board of Broward County, Florida.

Smith is the recipient of numerous achievements and recognitions, including Florida Gifted Teacher of the Year, U.S. Department of Education Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Award, Lauderdale Lakes Middle School Teacher of the Year, Learning Magazine-General Motors Incorporated's Professional Best National Teacher of Excellence Award and Who's Who Among America's School Teachers.

She is a member of the Educational Research Association, National Staff Development Council, National Education Association, and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Bishop State's Accreditation Reaffirmed

Bishop State Community College has once again been accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

Dr. Yvonne Kennedy, president of the college, said Bishop State was notified of its reaffirmation during a meeting of the Commission on December 13, 1994, in San Antonio, Texas.

The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is the recognized accrediting body in the 11 U.S. southern states (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia) and in Latin America for those postsecondary institutions that award associate, bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees.

The Commission conducts an evaluation of member colleges every 10 years to determine if the institutions meet the criteria for accreditation or reaffirmation of accreditation.

Accreditation is principally concerned with the improvement of educational quality throughout the region and the assurance to the public that regional institutions meet established standards.

Bishop State has an enrollment of more than 4,500 students and offers more than 50 different programs of study that can lead to associate degrees or certificates.

Southern Union Receives Major Grant

The U.S. Department of Education recently notified Southern Union State Community College (SUSCC) President Roy Johnson that the college has been recommended for a \$1,749,841 development grant under the Strengthening Institutions Program of Title III of the Higher Education Act for 1994-1999.

This development grant will improve student services through the enhancement of campus diversity and development studies and will improve academic programs through application of distance learning and learning information technologies. Title III project activities began at the college last

October.

According to SUSCC director of institutional advancement Steve Spratlin, Southern Union was the only college in Alabama to be recommended for new funding under Title III for 1994. More than 525 two- and four-year colleges nationwide applied for funding this year, and Southern Union's application was one of 60 selected.

"This grant will allow Southern Union to increase student enrollment, improve services offered to students, improve academic programs and increase faculty and staff productivity," said Spratlin.

Northeast Alabama State Dedicates Tom Bevill Lyceum

Dr. Charles Pendley, president of Northeast Alabama State Community College, recently announced that the dedication of the TOM BEVILL LYCEUM on the Northeast campus in Rainsville was held Friday, April 28, 1995.

This state-of-the-art facility will seat approximately 740 in the main auditorium, with another 30 seats in two presidential viewing rooms upstairs. This theatre has advanced performing arts equipment, an orchestra pit, and the capacity to raise and lower up to 23 scenes at once.

The theatre's first drama production

was *MY FAIR LADY*, scheduled for April 30 through May 7, 1995. The Lyceum (Greek for a place of public speaking) is named for U.S. Congressman Tom Bevill who secured much of the funding. Alabama State Senator Lowell Barron secured additional funding for the facility.

On April 19, 1995, famous novelist and peach farmer, Dori Sanders, was a guest lecturer at Northeast in the auditorium of the Tom Bevill Lyceum.

Ms. Sanders is the author of two novels, *CLOVER* and *HER OWN PLACE*.

Bevill State Nursing Graduates Excel on Licensure Exam

The rate of successful passage of the National Council Licensure Examination-Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN) by graduates of the Associate Degree Nursing program at Bevill State Community College surpassed both state and national averages, according to quarterly statistics released recently by the Alabama Board of Nursing.

The NCLEX-RN licensing exam is a national exam taken by graduates of nursing programs for the purpose of obtaining their license to practice. The exam is administered by the Alabama Board of Nursing and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. These scores were obtained by the first graduating class of Bevill State's independent Associate Degree Nursing program.

According to the report, the average rate of successful scores by first time candidates was 89.7 percent nationwide and 90.8 percent in the state. Bevill State graduates posted a 93.85 percent rate of successful completion.

"We are extremely pleased with the success of our graduates in taking their licensing exams," said Bevill State President Dr. Harold Wade. "We believe these results are reflective of the quality education that students receive at Bevill State. To have reached such a high level of passage rate is a great achievement for our graduates and faculty. We are very

proud of their efforts."

Dr. Ed Meadows, vice president at Bevill State, applauded the work of the college's allied health and general education faculty for successfully instilling a strong academic foundation which resulted in the students' high rate of success in passing the licensure exam.

"We strongly believe that Bevill State has one of the most professional and skilled nursing and allied health faculties in the state. These results support that belief," said Meadows. "In addition, our faculty members in the areas of science, math and English are to be commended for their role in preparing these students for the health care field. The success of our graduates is a combined effort of our entire faculty."

According to Assistant Dean of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, Alice Roberts, the results of the exam are used as part of the program's outcome criteria for evaluation purposes. In addition, the Alabama Board of Nursing and the National League of Nursing use the results of licensing exams for accreditation purposes.

Ms. Roberts also indicated that the Bevill State Associate Degree Nursing program was placing approximately 90 percent of its graduates in related positions in the health care field.

Calhoun Receives Major Department of Education Grant

Calhoun Community College has won a five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education to help prepare middle and high school students for college and employment.

The School, College and University Partnership (SCUP) provided an initial award of \$400,000 to Calhoun for the first year, with funding for the subsequent four years contingent on evaluations by the Department of Education. The grant could reach \$2 million over its five-year cycle.

The college's award was announced last fall by U.S. Rep. Robert "Bud" Cramer, D-Huntsville, during Calhoun's annual fall In-Service program for faculty, staff and administrators at the college. Cramer wrote to the Department of Education to urge the agency to select Calhoun for the grant award.

Calhoun applied for the SCUP grant to establish a project to serve 500 middle and high school students enrolled in the Decatur City School System. The project will focus on the expansion and improvement of the two alternative high school programs in Decatur and also will involve Athens State College.

The project will include business internships, vocational training, after-school tutoring and summer work programs. It will involve a partnership of 58 local businesses, six government agencies and two community agencies.

Calhoun President Richard Carpenter said that a special focus of the project will be to expand and strengthen high school programs, address the 32 percent dropout rate, decrease the 13 percent rate of failure in math and English, address the special needs of at-risk minorities, and deal with the high rate of pregnant adolescents and teen parents.

The SCUP project is an outgrowth of Calhoun's Leaders 2002 Educational Alliance, which was initiated over a year ago to address the needs of the area educational system. The Leaders 2002 alliance has led to increased retention and high school graduation rates as a priority.

Central Alabama Community College Named Center of Excellence

State, area and community leaders gathered at Central Alabama Community College in Alexander City on January 23, 1995, for a signing ceremony, marking the establishment of a cooperative agreement to create a Textile and Apparel Technology Center on that campus. The center is a joint project among CACC, Auburn University and Russell Corporation.

The Textile and Apparel Technology Center is a public-private partnership that will seek ways to improve training and applied research in advanced textile and apparel technology and to serve as a focal point to assist the textile and apparel industry in Alabama in being more cooperative.

Dr. William Muse, president, Auburn University; John Adams, chairperson, president, and chief executive officer, Russell Corporation; and Dr. Jim Cornell, president, Central Alabama Community College; participated in the signing. Each remarked on the significance of the occasion, the value of such a cooperative effort and the continued link between the state's community colleges, universities and industry.

U.S. Congressman Glen Browder provided the opening comments for the event and Neal Wade, president, Economic Development Partnership of Alabama, provided a historical overview of the partnership. Charles Snider, acting director of the Alabama Development Office, served as the Governor's representative. Closing remarks were offered by Dr. Fred Gainous, chancellor, Department of Postsecondary Education.

Numerous other state representatives, senators and other elected officers were on hand for the event. The new center will become part of the Centers for Technical Excellence program, a cooperative effort to link Alabama's major research uni-



L-R: Adams, Cornell, Muse (Snider standing at far right).

versities with two-year colleges and radically improve the state's ability to provide technically trained workers. The Textile and Apparel Technology Center will join five other centers, each focusing on a specific technology area.

The Centers for Technical Excellence Program is a cooperative effort between the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama, The University of Alabama System, the State of Alabama, several two-year colleges, Auburn University and several Alabama industries.

Shelton State Receives SACS Reaccreditation

At a meeting in San Antonio, Texas, last December, Shelton State Community College received an unconditional reaffirmation of its accreditation status and official approval by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) of its merger with C. A. Fredd State Technical College.

"Shelton State participated in the reaffirmation of its accreditation by undergoing a self-study process based on the collective professional judgment of the institution's faculty and staff. The self-study focused on how the institution achieved quality and, particularly, on how in the future it can improve the quality of its educational programs and services. This past fall, Shelton submitted to a peer review by a visiting committee composed of 15 faculty and staff members from other two-year colleges in the SACS service area," said Shelton President Tom Umphrey.

This committee reviewed the quality of Shelton's compliance with a set of SACS criteria. The final evaluation for accreditation was made by the Executive Committee of the Commission of Colleges (COC).

"Shelton's merger with C. A. Fredd State Technical College, one of the nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), was completed this year. Referred to by SACS as a 'substantive change,' the merger proceedings also had to be evaluated by the COC which means another self-

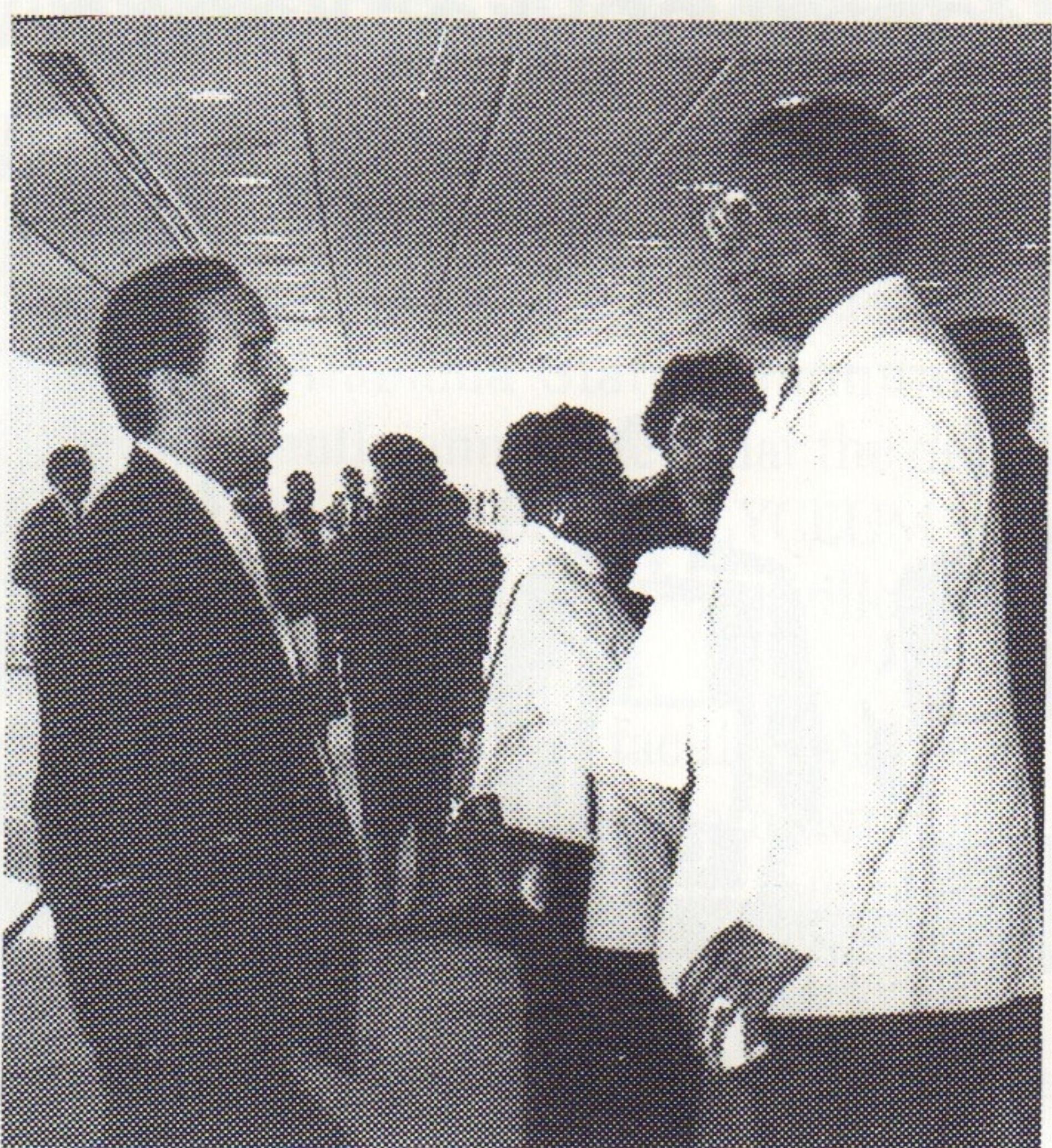
study, peer review, and final evaluation by the Executive Committee of the COC. Few institutions attempt to do reaffirmation and substantive change, simultaneously. Time constraints, however, required that Shelton State do both together, and both had a successful outcome," said Umphrey.

Northwest/Shoals Teacher Receives Award

Northwest/Shoals Community College cosmetology instructor Jeanette Martin recently received the Outstanding Technical Teacher Award by the Mississippi River Gulf Coast Region of the American Technical Education Association.

Ms. Martin, who also has been nominated for the national award, has taught at the college's Muscle Shoals campus since 1990.

A former teacher at Burrell Slater Area Vocational School in Florence, Ms. Martin received teacher of the year honors twice. She also has served on the state's Vocational Course of Study Task Force and was Alabama's Outstanding Vocational Teacher of the Year for District I.



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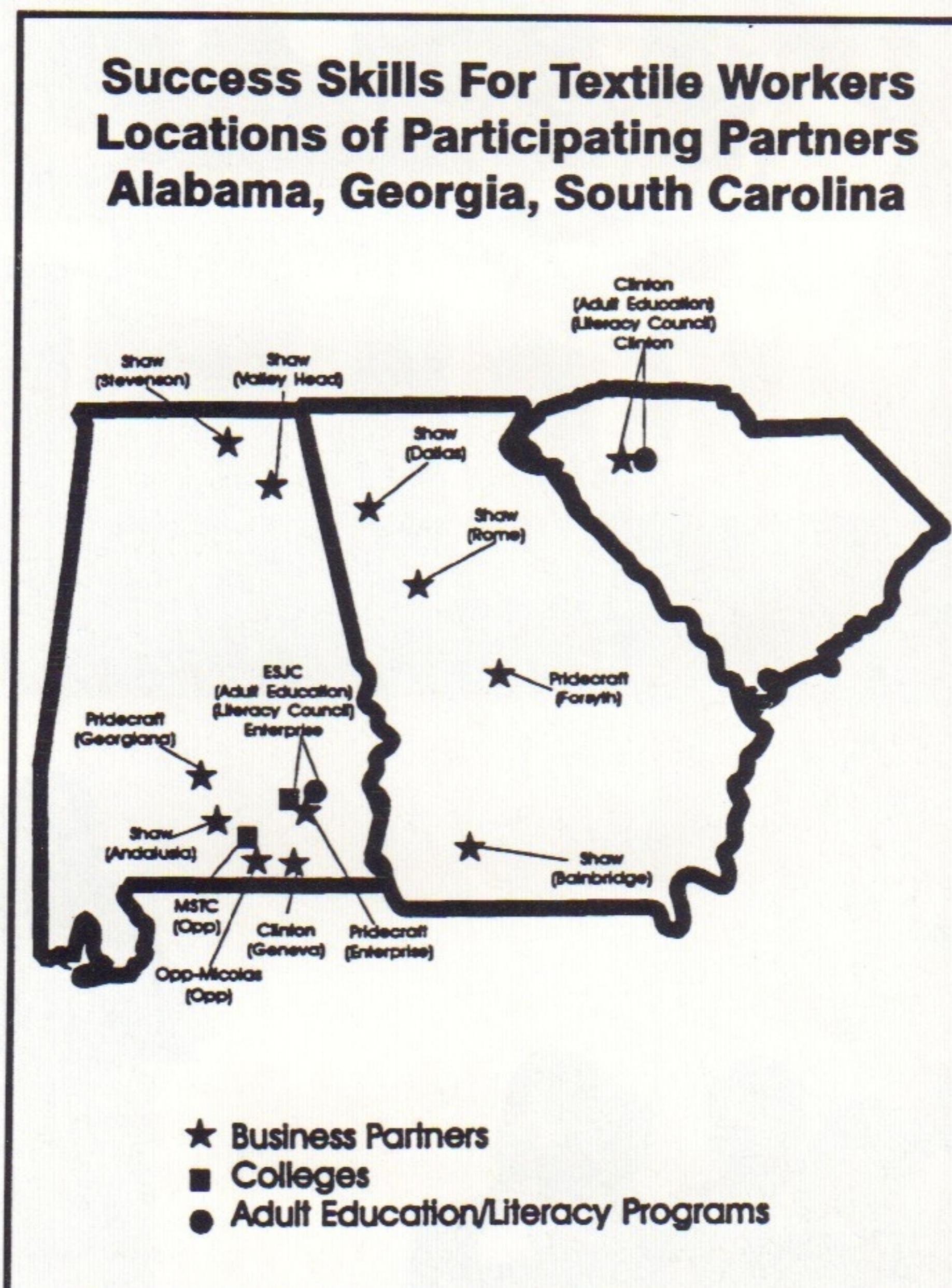
Economic Development Served with Continued Partnership

Last September, Dr. Stafford Thompson, interim president for Enterprise State Junior College (ESJC), announced that the United States Department of Education had funded the "Success Skills for Textile Workers" three-year project submitted by ESJC. This grant received the distinction of being the fifth largest grant in the nation addressing textile workers, with a total budget of close to \$1.2 million. The project, which will end in 1997, continues the Workforce 2000 Partnership established in 1993 that joined educational institutions and area textile and apparel industries.

The partners for this grant include the following: Enterprise State; MacArthur State Technical College (Opp); the Southeast Alabama Adult Education Network; the Laurens County (South Carolina) Literacy Council; Clinton Mills in Alabama and South Carolina; Shaw Industries in Alabama and Georgia; Opp and Nicolas Mills, Inc, in Opp; and Pridcroft Enterprises in Alabama and Georgia. The educational

partners serve twelve industrial sites in the three-state area.

"Not only were we pleased to con-



tinue this partnership, but to expand it beyond southeast Alabama," says Dr. Thompson. "An educated workforce attracts other industry to our region,

improves our quality of life, and prepares us for the next century."

The project's design addresses two specific educational needs. First, textile workers participate in on-site classes for instruction in such skills as reading, writing, computing, critical thinking, problem solving, and team building. Second, as a result of this instruction, a curriculum for textile workers will be revised, field tested, and published for national distribution.

"We realize the impact of this project on the national textile industry has the potential to effect over 700,000 employees through the development of our teaching materials and methods," says Dr. Thompson.

The current project was designed to serve 250 workers locally and since its establishment in April 1993, has already served 1,163 participants reflecting 82% improved work performance, 44 participants who have received the GED certificate of high school proficiency, and 458 participants who have received 12 weeks or more of instruction.

Alabama Southern Hosts National Shakespeare Company

Alabama Southern Community College recently hosted the 5th Annual Shakespeare Showcase. The New York based National Shakespeare Company presented two plays, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Julius Caesar* on February 19 and 20, 1995, at Nettles Auditorium on the Monroeville campus.

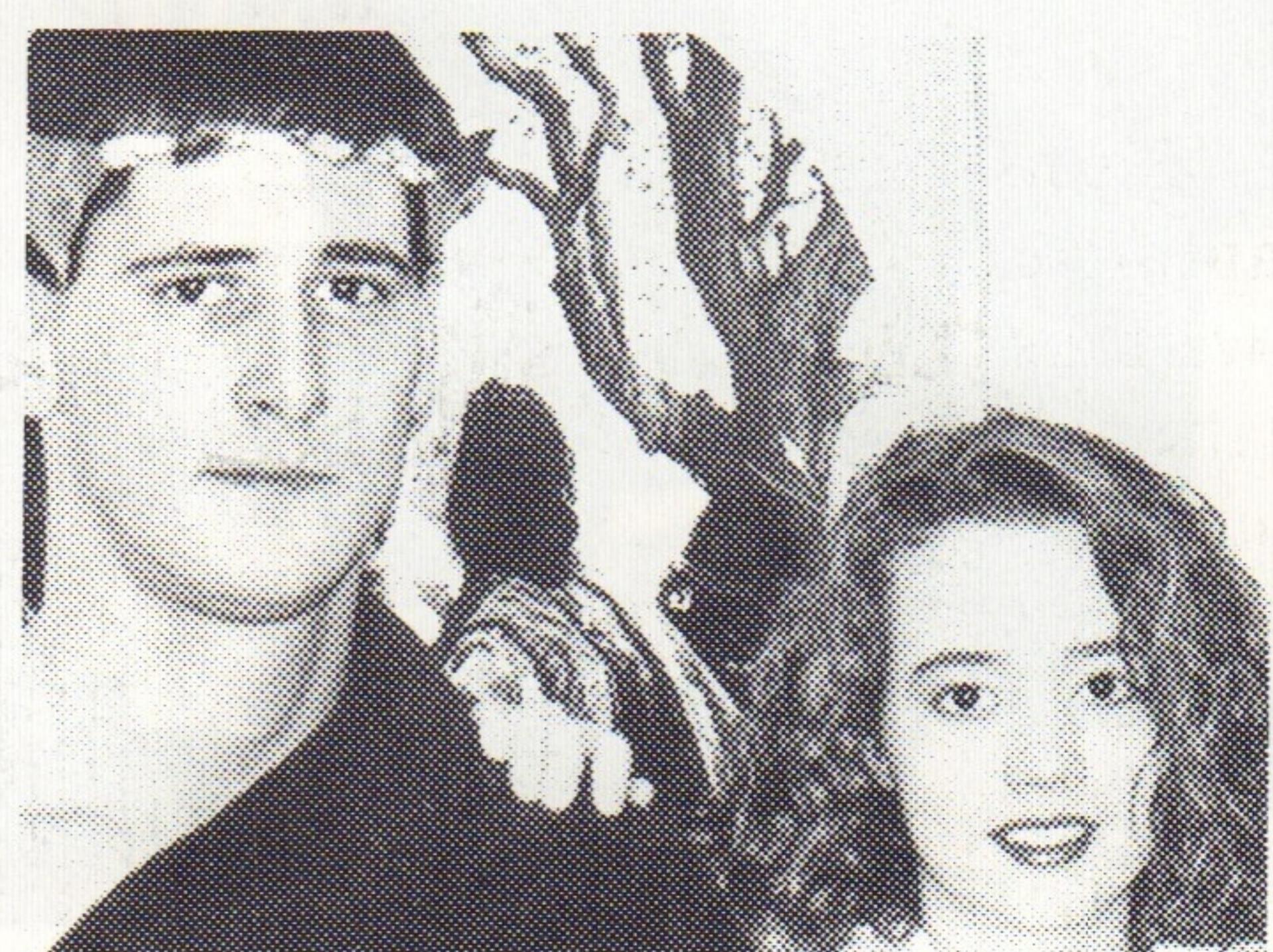
In an effort to familiarize students with these plays prior to the National Shakespeare Company's performance, Alabama Southern drama students performed scenes from both *Julius Caesar* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to high school students throughout southwest Alabama during the months of January and February. Dr. Margaret Murphy, chairperson for the department of Fine Arts at Alabama Southern, acknowledged drama instructor Susan Davis-Brown for creating costumes and rehearsing with the drama students. The

college's public relations specialist, Melinda Byrd, traveled with the drama students and provided narration and background information on the plays.

A new aspect of the Shakespeare Showcase this year included speaker Dr. Susan Willis, an English professor at Auburn University in Montgomery. Dr. Willis, who was sponsored by the Alabama Humanities Foundation, spoke on "The Theatre in Shakespeare's Time" to an audience on the Monroeville campus of Alabama Southern on February 13. Dr. Willis, who also works for the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery, is the author of The BBC Shakespeare Plays: Making the Televised Canon and numerous articles on Shakespearean topics.

Corporate sponsors for this annual event were Alabama Power and Pepsi Co. According to Alabama Southern

English instructor and event coordinator, Flo Sanderson, "This year's Shakespeare Showcase was our most ambitious and our most successful. Area high school English teachers did an outstanding job in promoting this cultural event, and the success of the showcase was a testament to the hard work and dedication they exhibited."



Drama students Jeremy Dunigan, Marc Antony, and Charlotte Norwood Puck.

Enterprise Conducts Special GED Graduation

A special GED graduation ceremony was held this past October at Enterprise State Junior College. The ceremony, which will become an annual event, is sponsored by the college and the Southeast Alabama Adult Education Network. The ceremony was open to anyone who had received a GED certificate and who had not participated in a GED graduation ceremony. Forty-six GED recipients participated in the ceremony.

Christopher Michael Williams of Enterprise, a ceremony participant, said, "I think it is good that we are having a graduation for GED students. Those going through high school for a diploma

get to graduate, but with the GED, everyone just expresses they're happy for those who passed.

"I am glad [about this ceremony] because it gives people a chance to have a graduation. It means a great deal to me because I did not think I would have a graduation."

Bob Dettmar, director of human resources at Clinton Mills in Geneva, Alabama, says, "We have recently changed our employee standings to require a high school diploma or GED qualification, and we feel it is necessary for the future. In any consideration for promotion, that will be a definite factor."



(Left to Right) Dr. Mark Reynolds and his assistant Ada Adams.



BSCC Captures Awards in Competition

Bishop State Community College captured the 1994 Medallion Bronze Award in the billboard category of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) District II competition. The awards ceremony was held last fall in Jupiter, Florida.

Bishop State also was honored at the 1994 Public Relations Council of Alabama's (PRCA) Awards banquet, held last fall at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville. The college

received merit awards for radio and billboard advertisements. About 450 public relations practitioners from across the state are members of PRCA.

The Bishop State billboards, which were designed by Herb Jordan, the college's director of public relations, can be seen on Interstate 65 South near the Government Boulevard exit in Mobile and Interstate 65 North just pass the Highway 45 exit in Prichard.

Reynolds Edits First TETYC Journal

An open house was held October 19, 1994, for the faculty and staff of Jefferson Davis Community College to celebrate the inaugural issue of *Teaching English in the Two-Year College (TETYC)*, the only national publication for two-year college English instructors, which was produced from the journal office on the Brewton campus.

Dr. Mark Reynolds, JDCC English instructor and chair of the humanities division, serves as editor of the journal. Dr. Reynolds and his assistant Ada Adams have completed the December and February issues and are currently working on the May issue of the quarterly journal. *TETYC* is one of five professional publications of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE).

Dr. Reynolds assumed his editorial responsibilities in January 1994. His duties include determining the focus of each journal edition, selecting articles for publication, and editing selected journal articles.

PTK Elects President

The Pi Psi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa was elected president for the Alabama region for 1995-96 at the regional convention on Oxford, Alabama in February.

Shana Morris, vice-president of service and outstanding chapter member, was inducted into the Order of the Golden Key. She was the unanimous choice of the chapter based on her participation in all PTK activities, academic record and faculty recommendations.

The chapter was recognized as an outstanding chapter in the Service Hallmark.

Pi Psi is a 5-star level chapter, the highest level in Phi Theta Kappa. In order to be considered a 5-star level chapter, a chapter has to demonstrate successfully that it has a comprehensive service program and a comprehensive honors program that follows the theme for the year. This year's theme is "Service, Humanity, Technology Shaping a New Creation." As part of Pi Psi's honors program, the chapter held seminars, had guest speakers, saw movies related to the theme, and toured industries to see first-hand technology in action.

"Phi Theta Kappa is one of the most active organizations on our campus," said Gary Branch, president of Faulkner State. "They quietly go about serving the community through their blood drives, food drives and other service projects. It is really a honor to be a member of this fine organization."

This year, the chapter participated in the "Have a Heart" campaign for the Heart Association.

Wallace State- Selma Conducts Academic Challenge

Wallace Community College Selma (WCCS) held its fourth annual Academic Challenge for Excellence (ACE) competition on Friday, February 10, 1995, on the Selma campus, with over one thousand students participating.

Area high schools and vocational schools participated in ACE. Technical and academic competitions were held to promote academic and technical excellence; provide an academic challenge to area students; and recognize students, teachers, and schools that excel in acad-

Southern Union Opens New Facilities at Opelika Campus

Southern Union State Community College has opened the doors to two ultra-modern facilities at its Opelika campus. The Higginbotham Academic Center and Learning Resources Center were opened for classes January 17.

The three-story Academic Center is named for former state representative and current Alabama Board of Education member G. J. "Dutch" Higginbotham. The 70,000-square-foot building has four science labs, 34 classrooms, and office space for academic faculty and academic instructional officers. The Learning

Resources Center is located adjacent to the classroom building.

The campus remains under construction with more facilities scheduled for completion later this year. Among these is an administrative center which will house administrative, business, student services and financial aid offices. Also at the Opelika site, an old cafeteria has been demolished to make way for a student union building which will be home to a full-service bookstore, food services, and a student lounge area.



Southern Union Academic Center

emic and technical areas.

Invited schools were from Autauga, Bibb, Chilton, Dallas, Hale, Lowndes, Marengo, Perry, Shelby, and Wilcox counties. Dr. Robert McConnell, vice president for instruction at WCCS, said that interest has increased in ACE as indicated by the growing participation of students each year.

Technical competitions included auto body repair, auto mechanics, business education, cosmetology, drafting, electricity, electronics, health occupa-

tions, health occupations knowledge bowl, masonry, and welding. Academic competitions were held in computer science, composition, grammar, Algebra I and II, geometry, advanced math, music, Natural Sciences I and II, Social Studies I and II, and public speaking. Awards were presented to students with the highest scores. Some awards were given in the form of scholarships.

ACE is sponsored by a partnership of WCCS with local businesses and industries.

Snead State Celebrates 60th Collegiate Anniversary

Snead State Community College has a history rich in academic tradition. It began almost a century ago as a private primary and secondary school and evolved into a private Methodist junior college. Snead later became part of the state junior college system and expanded into a community college.

Founded in 1898, Snead opened its doors to students with the arrival of the Rev. E. B. L. Elder and his wife, Anna. At the request of parents in the area, the Elders took over the one-room schoolhouse in 1899. The Alabama Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church chartered the school as Boaz Seminary. Rev. Elder was named the first principal, and his wife became the assistant principal. The first class, consisting of 70 students, was held in the Elders' home in July 1899.

In 1906, the school was renamed Snead Seminary in honor of John H. Snead, a Boaz businessman and friend of education who contributed land, money and leadership to the school.

John H. Snead Seminary remained one of Alabama's strong secondary schools for almost a fourth of a century and graduated more than 1,200 young men and women. However, primarily because of the construction of a public high school in Boaz in 1940, the Seminary closed.

Prior to the closing of the Seminary, plans were being made to become a junior college. However, times were hard in the '30s. Because of the depression, more students were attending public schools and enrollment decreased sharply.

In the fall of 1935, the dream of becoming a junior college became a reality. Chartered by the State of Alabama, Snead Junior College began operation under the supervision of the North Alabama Conference of the Methodist Church.

Dr. William H. Osborn took over as Snead's eighth president in 1978. Under his guidance, the college added many new programs including engineering design technology, computer programming, emergency medical services, and veterinary technology.

In 1992, the college became Snead State Community College. This new community college status allowed Snead to begin offering more career programs including one-year programs such as air conditioning/refrigeration, welding, industrial maintenance and pharmacy technician.

Over the past century, Snead State has undergone many changes, but its mission has remained the same — to serve its local community by providing quality education and training.

Gadsden State Launches Student Service Corps Campaign

Officials at Gadsden State Community College have realized that tuition costs climbing out of the average resident's reach will cancel one of the community college's most significant reasons for being — to provide opportunity for affordable, quality education. Gadsden State President Victor Ficker launched a drive recently which builds a bond between the college and local business and industry to provide for those students who have fallen through the cracks of financial aid.

Dr. Ficker sites several trends which are "pricing out" education for average students who earn too much to qualify for financial assistance and too little to afford college. These include the rising cost of instruction, funding of fewer actual dollars from the state than 10 years ago, and tightening eligibility standards for the federal Pell Grant, which all force the students' share higher and higher.

Local companies are pledging their full support for five years at the rate of \$1,500 per year per student. Students will never see any cash, but will be given credits toward tuition, books and other expenses in exchange for giving back hours of community/college service. Students will apply and be interviewed to become GSCC Lasers and community service agencies will apply to participate in the GSCC Lasers—Student Service Corps program. The college plans to launch the service corps during fall quarter 1995.

Region Eight Speech and Debate Tournament Held

The Phi Rho Pi (National Two-Year School Speech Honor Fraternity) held the Region Eight Championship Tournament in Speech and Debate in Pensacola, Florida, on February 24, 1995.

Eleven schools from four states competed in the tournament, however, none did as well as Jefferson State.

Jefferson State not only won first place in Sweepstakes and first place in Individual Events, but won by more than twice the number of awards of any other school.

This first place can be added to the 1993-94 Regional Championship and numerous other awards including seventh place in the nation among schools the size of Jefferson State.

Coach Adams Leaves Winning Legacy at JDCC

The National Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, Colorado, is a place all junior college baseball teams dream about playing out their season. This is where national champions are made, heroes are discovered and dreams come true.

The Jefferson Davis Community College Warhawk baseball team got the chance to play in this World Series last season. Also, this World Series marked the end of an incredible coaching era for former head coach Floyd Adams. Adams coached over a span of five decades, 10 years of which were spent at JDCC.

During his tenure at JDCC, Adams compiled a record 303 wins and 149 losses, two division championships, a national ranking in six of his 10 seasons, a state championship and a Southeastern District championship. He also received Southern Division Coach of the Year honors in 1991-92 as he guided the Warhawks to a 45-12 mark and a No. 2 national ranking.

In 1994 Adams received the Alabama State Division Coach of the Year Award, the Fred Waters Award for outstanding contributions to the game of baseball, Southeastern District



Coach Floyd Adams and player.

Division I Coach of the Year, American Baseball Coaches Association/Louisville Slugger NJCAA Division I Coach of the Year and the American Baseball Coaches Association/Diamond Sport NJCAA Division I Coach of the Year Award.

CONSORTIUM RECEIVES \$1 MILLION-PLUS GRANT

Central Alabama Community College (CACC) has entered into a consortium with Jacksonville State University and Talladega College — the Southern Environmental Education Partnership (SEEP). Through a grant totaling more than \$1 million, the consortium is providing a full scholarship program, including housing at Jacksonville State, to qualified students who might not ordinarily attend college, who have lost jobs through military downsizing or who are economically disadvantaged.

Students may pursue a one-year certificate or two-year associate degree in Hazardous Materials Technology from CACC's hazmat program and associated academics being offered at Jacksonville State and Talladega College. The work-based program allows for both formal instruction and hands-on training through utilization of facilities at Ft. McClellan, home to the U.S. Army Chemical School and at the Anniston Army Depot, one of eight chemical weapons storage sites.

Upon completion of a two-year degree, students may then articulate into the B.S. program at Jacksonville State with a major in biology or physical science.

Currently, about 75 students are participating in the program; more than 40 are enrolled in the CACC component.

Bevill State Instructor Works with Auburn Literary Series

Marthanne Browne, an English instructor at the Walker campus of Bevill State Community College, has been serving as a consultant for the upcoming literary series sponsored by Auburn University's Center for the Arts & Humanities.

Mrs. Brown has conducted two literary series co-sponsored by the Center and Bevill State at the Walker campus. Those series included the "Read Alabama" sessions and the most recent "Life Stories" seminars. Both of these series drew large audiences and were given high marks of praise.

Mrs. Brown's work with "Life Stories," which was a pilot program presented at Bevill State, was included in the Center's successful proposal for \$200,000 in grant monies to conduct a series throughout the state based on the "Life Stories" program. As a consultant for the programs, Mrs. Browne will be traveling throughout the state to present training workshops for organizations which will present upcoming series.

Perry Writes Lab Book

Ed Perry, biology instructor at Faulkner State, has recently joined the ranks of the newly published. For him, it was a labor of love.

When asked why he felt students needed a new lab book, Perry responded, "Since the students that take this course are both biology and non-biology majors, this lab manual was conceived with them in mind. The intention of this manual is to give the students a comprehensive, albeit brief, look at the kingdoms of life, their own human systems, and the relationships of living things to their environment, without overwhelming the students with an overabundance of biological jargon." Perry also felt that the manual that was available with the textbook did not meet the needs of the community college student.

Some of the advantages of the Perry manual as opposed to other lab manuals are that this one is tailored to students, is inexpensive, all of the book is applicable, the instructions are clear and require minimum pre-lab explanations, and "the students seem to enjoy seeing their instructors listed as authors," said Perry.

Jim Martindale, chairman of the natural science and allied health division at Faulkner State, was instrumental in the development of the manual.

Perry is very quick to give credit to all members of the Department for the development of this manual. "It really was a joint effort," said Perry. "Lab topics were submitted from both full-time and adjunct faculty and were incorporated into the manual."

Other schools are currently looking at the manual to see if it meets their needs. Perry hopes that other colleges will find the text useful and adopt it for use in their classes. The second edition of the lab manual is due out in September, just in time for fall quarter.

Department Chair Travels to Israel

Dr. Grace McWhorter, chairperson of the natural sciences department at Lawson State Community College, visited Israel recently for an educational and spiritual pilgrimage. Dr. McWhorter, a trained agriculturist in the areas of horticulture, agronomy and plant pathology, has a Doctorate of Philosophy in plant pathology/botany. She also received a Master of Divinity degree from Beeson Divinity School at Samford University

and considers her visit timely and fortunate in that she can educationally relate findings either in a scientific and/or religious perspective.

Dr. McWhorter visited several excavation areas and other sites of scientific interest and plans to develop a funding proposal which will provide resources to develop courses which integrate religion, science and the humanities.

Construction Begins on Shelton State Community College's New Campus

Construction has begun on Shelton State Community College's new campus that will be located off Old Hiway 69 South in Tuscaloosa County. Construction for the first few months consisted primarily of site preparation. However, construction of the first phase of the new campus has now begun.

The new college campus will consist of a 520,000 square-foot, two-story building that will look similar to a shopping mall. There also will be a food

court inside and all classes will be taught under one roof.

Completion date of the first segment of the new school is scheduled for December 1995. The 160,000 square-foot area housing the technical programs will be the first completed. The second phase of the building, to house academic programs, student service programs, and administrative offices, is scheduled for a 1997 completion date.

Northeast Faculty Members Receive Awards

Donna Broyles Richards has received the Founders' Chair Award and has been named as Most Outstanding Faculty Member for Northeast Alabama State Community College for 1994-95. Mrs. Richards received a cash stipend, will be featured in the next edition of the Northeast Yearbook, and will be honored at commencement on June 1.

A mathematics instructor, Mrs. Richards was nominated by both her peers and students. She has been in public education since 1975.

Daniel Knox, music instructor at Northeast, was recently selected for membership in Pi Kappa Lambda, a national music honor society that recognizes academic excellence and scholarship. In January, the International Association of Jazz Educators appointed Knox state coordinator of jazz education research. He will be surveying Alabama's higher education institutions in order to assess the status of jazz education.

Howard Receives NASA Award

Thomas G. Howard, an instructor in the Electro-Optics department at Northwest-Shoals Community College, has received a certificate of recognition from NASA and the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) for his work at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) in Huntsville last summer.

Howard conducted a research project at MSFC which was chosen in consultation with his NASA colleague.



Jean-Michel Cousteau

Jean-Michel Cousteau Guest Lecturer at Jeff Davis

Jean-Michel Cousteau, son of famed environmentalist and ocean pioneer Jacques-Yves Cousteau, was the guest lecturer for Jefferson Davis Community College's annual Leadership Conference, held February 1, 1995.

For the past six years, the conference has offered high school, college and community leaders the rare opportunity to hear, meet, and speak with a diversified variety of highly accomplished national and international lecturers.

Cousteau has spent his life exploring the world's oceans aboard the research vessels Calypso and Alcyone and communicating to people of all nations and generations his love and concern for the planet.

"We are thankful for the continued support we receive each year from many

area businesses and industry," said Jefferson Davis President Sandra McLeod. "The college is able to provide this outstanding educational opportunity to hundreds of area students because of the gracious cooperation and contributions of community leaders."

The Leadership Conference is presented by the college's Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society and the Honors Program. Each conference theme reflects PTK's annual Honors Study Topic. This year's theme is "Science, Humanity, Technology: Shaping a New Creation." Former conference speakers have included Emmy-award winning actress Cicely Tyson, astronaut Scott Carpenter, and psychologist Dr. Joyce Brothers.

Shelton State Announces Personnel Additions

Seven people have recently been added to Shelton State's faculty and administrative staff, according to Shelton State President Tom Umphrey. Five full time instructors have joined the college's faculty, and two administrative staff positions have been filled.

The new faculty include Krist Lien, art; Sharon Reed, nursing; Elijah Rainey, respiratory care/clinical coordinator; Sarah Brenizer, biology; and Leah Minovich, wellness. Ronald Range has been named coordinator of institutional research and Johnny Parker was recently named director for process improvement.

Lien received his BFA degree from Auburn University and his MFA from the University of Alabama. Currently living in Montevallo, Lien taught art at Livingston University and the University of Alabama in Birmingham before joining the Shelton State faculty.

Ms. Reed received her masters degree in nursing from the University of Kentucky in 1985 and worked for the

State of Alabama, Bureau of Geriatric Psychiatry in Tuscaloosa before joining Shelton State. Her experience includes working at St. Mary's School of Nursing in West Virginia; Bellarmine College in Louisville, Kentucky; Ashland Community College in Ashland, Kentucky; and King's Daughter's Hospital and Kings's Daughter's School of Nursing.

Rainey, who is the new coordinator of respiratory care for the college, is a former Shelton State student. A 1990 graduate of DCH School of Respiratory Therapy, he was employed by DCH Regional Medical Center as a respiratory therapist before joining Shelton.

Mr. Brenizer was employed as a science teacher at Central High School before joining Shelton State this spring. She is a graduate of the University of Alabama, receiving a bachelors degree and masters from the University.

Ms. Minovich, a native of Akron, Ohio, has joined the staff of Shelton State's wellness center as a full-time

instructor. Minovich graduated from the University of South Alabama, where she was a member of the college's golf team.

Parker, a native of Birmingham, was recently named director for process improvement at Shelton State. Parker received his bachelor of arts degree from Auburn University and his master of arts degree from Mississippi State University. Before joining Shelton, he was an assistant professor at Mississippi State University.

Range, who is the new coordinator for institutional research at the college, will be responsible for all activities related to institutional research and planning. He has served as assessment coordinator/institutional research for the college since 1992. He received his bachelors degree in business administration from Stillman College and his masters degree in public administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Enterprise State Cheerleaders Faced Odds and Won

The 1994-95 cheerleading squad at Enterprise State Junior College overcame some handicaps last summer and walked away with a first place trophy.

The squad consists of all new members. Since they didn't know each other, cheerleader sponsor Patsy Chalker emphasized team work as the women practiced two nights a week during the summer.

Another small handicap the team quickly overcame was one member from a "ground bound" high school squad. This means the squad members were not allowed to do stunts.

"This team impresses me because they're willing to try different things; they have a good attitude; and, they work well together," says Mrs. Chalker.

The cheerleaders hold camps for girls in kindergarten through the seventh grade. These fundraising activities



help pay for their trips to participate in the Universal Cheerleaders Camp. The camp last summer was held at the University of Alabama.

The squad received two "excellent" ribbons and three "superior" ribbons in

their evaluations. In competition, they won first place in the "sideline" category. The Enterprise cheerleaders have placed in competition every year they've attended camp. In 1992, they won first place.

Scholarship Established

February 23, 1945, was a day that will live on in history for all Americans. This was the day that has been immortalized in the awe-inspiring statue of the raising of the American flag on Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima. February 23, 1995, fifty years after that flag raising, Faulkner State Community College held another flag raising ceremony. This occasion was in honor of establishing a scholarship in the memory of one of the original Marines who raised that first flag on Iwo Jima, Ernest Ivy "Boots"

Thomas.

Jack Thomas, "Boots," Thomas, younger brother of Ernest Ivy Thomas and the Marine Corps League created the fund for this scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded for the first time this fall. There are plans for a museum exhibit consisting of original photographs of that fateful day in 1945, news clippings surrounding the battle, and the honors awarded posthumously to "Boots" Thomas.

JSCC Student Services Gives Presentation on Student Volunteerism

Jefferson State Student Development Services and Activities Coordinator Al Boswell presented a program on "Student Volunteerism" during the Alabama National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Workshop on February 17, 1995, at Auburn University at Montgomery.

The purpose of the annual workshop is to bring administrators from around the state to discuss a variety of topics on student affairs and to share different approaches and philosophies on campus issues.

Boswell's presentation focused on providing quality student development services and activities to Jefferson State students, but within budget parameters.

Bevill State Student to Travel to France

For Matt Curtis, the feeling of nervous excitement has clear meaning. Anticipating an October trip to France to compete in the International Vocational Training Competition, Curtis is both nervous and excited.

A nineteen-year-old sophomore at Bevill State Community College in Sumiton, Curtis earned the right to compete in the international competition by placing first in the nation in the most recent National VICA Residential Wiring contest.

A 1993 graduate of Dora High School, Curtis used his academic achievement and a second-place finish in the VICA District Contest to earn a scholarship to Bevill State Community College. Upon arrival at Bevill State, Curtis maintained his close ties to the VICA organization and now serves as president of the Bevill State VICA organization.

Jordan Honored by National Business Organization

The National Council of Community College Business Officials has recognized Dr. Joanne Jordan as the 1994 Outstanding Business Officer for Region IX, which includes the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. Jordan is the vice president for administrative services for Southern Union State Community College.

Twelve business officers from throughout the United States were selected for this regional honor. Selection is based on the officer's effectiveness in carrying out responsibilities, participation in institutional strategic planning, professional involvement in state and national associations and contributions to the community.

Jordan was recognized for the honor at the NCCCBO International Convention last November.

McClain to Speak at Lawson State Graduation

Senator E. B. McClain will be the commencement speaker for Lawson State Community College on Sunday, May 28, 1995.

McClain was elected first to the Alabama House of Representatives in 1986. As a two-term representative, he served on Tourism; House, Ways, and Means; Health; and Examiners of Public Accounts committees and as Vice-Chairman of the Entertainment and Tourism Committee. Senator McClain, who was elected to the Senate in 1994, now chairs the Conservation, Environment and Natural Resources

Committee and serves on the subcommittee for Land, Air, and Water, Industrial Development and Recruitment, Commerce Transportation, and Utilities; Mining and Reclamation; Health and Human Resources; Welfare Reform, Tourism and Marketing, Veteran Affairs, and Finance and Taxation - General Fund Confirmations.

A graduate of Miles College, Senator McClain is the Chief Chemist for Koppers Industries, Inc. His professional memberships include Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Brighton's Voter League, and the Alabama Democratic Conference.

CACC Receives Alert Grant

Central Alabama Community College has received a \$50,000 grant from the Alabama Legacy for Environmental Research Trust for its hazardous management programs. The grant and matching funds are allowing the college to upgrade its programs through the purchase of needed equipment.

The grant also has in part allowed for the hiring of a full-time director of hazardous materials technology. Alan

Antenucci holds a bachelors degree in environmental science and a minor in biology from the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y., and spent the last eight years as director of special projects and field operations for Burlington Research in Durham, N.C., also serving as safety officer and environmental chemist for Burlington Chemical Company's hazardous materials response team.



Dr. Mark Freshwater, director of the Social Science division at Sneed State Community College, was one of three guest speakers featured at the 1995 Hertha Heller Sunday Forum Series in Huntsville. Dr. Freshwater's lecture, "Through the Shadowlands," was based upon his book, C. S. Lewis and the Truth of Myth. Dr. Freshwater also presented "Through the Shadowlands" April 11 at the Homewood Public Library in Birmingham.

BSCC Chemistry Instructor Captures Chancellor's Award

Bishop State Community College chemistry instructor Barbara Singleton has captured the 1994 Chancellor's Award for being selected Alabama College System Junior College Faculty Member of the Year.

The Chancellor's Award was established in 1986 to recognize an outstanding individuals in each of the four major employment categories in the Alabama College System. Mrs. Singleton was instrumental in designing a chemistry curriculum guide for the Mobile County Public School System. She also designed an environmental safety handbook as part of Bishop State's self-study in 1994. Also, in 1994, she was a participant in the Quality Education for Minorities Network Technical Assistance Project in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Singleton has been a chemistry instructor at Bishop since 1992.



Dr. Fred Gainous, Barbara Singleton and Dr. Yvonne Kennedy

International Adviser Promotes Exchange

When Rita Crider, Gadsden State Community College International Student Affairs coordinator, visited Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Venezuela in September, she laid the groundwork for a new exchange program. She met officially with the Rector (president) of the University of Vicos and administrators and faculty to discuss the possibility of establishing cultural ties between the Brazilian university and Gadsden State. They agreed to begin exchanges in the English/languages department and the first teacher, Regina Andrade, is teaching in the Alabama Language Institute at Gadsden State and her daughter, Cynthia, is enrolled as a student.

This spring, Paula Ross, Gadsden State English instructor, "exchanged" with Ms. Andrade and is teaching English in Brazil. Ms. Crider said this a unique opportunity for Gadsden State to establish an academic interchange agreement with a reputable institution in Brazil. The University of Vicos recently was classified among the five best universities in Brazil.





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Monday, November 20

Tuesday, November 21

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1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Registration
1:00 - 2:45 p.m.	Related Professional Meetings * Alabama Vocational Association/Postsecondary * Health Occupations Students of America * National Association of Academic Affairs Administrators * American Association of Women in Community Colleges * Alabama Human Resources Officers
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Chancellor's Awards Ceremony (open to everyone - finger foods; college student entertainment)
6:00 p.m.	Dinner on your own
7:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting

Monday: (November 20, 1995)

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration
9:00 - 10:45 a.m.	First General Session (Dr. John Roueche — Keynote Address); college student entertainment
10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	BREAK
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Commission Meetings/Elections
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	LUNCH
1:45 - 3:00 p.m.	Interest Group Session I
3:00 - 3:15 p.m.	BREAK
3:15 - 4:30 p.m.	Interest Group Session II
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	ACA Banquet (open to everyone; college student entertainment)
9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.	Dance

Tuesday: (November 21, 1995)

9:00 - 10:45 a.m.	Second General Session (college student entertainment)
10:45 - 11:00 a.m.	BREAK
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Third General Session/Business Meeting
12:00	ADJOURN